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This book is a genealogical account of the known descendants of George Dixon (1754-1840). George Dixon was a Virginia frontiersman, a Revolutionary War Soldier and Spy, and later a pioneer in Warren County, Indiana. The account is written primarily from facts obtained from documentary evidence. The original sources of facts presented herein are cited throughout the book. When family tradition or other sources of facts are relied upon for information, it is clearly stated.

The importance of family records is usually not recognized until it is too late and the facts are gone forever. Many missing parts of this genealogy could have been filled in just ten years ago. The writer cannot urge too strongly that each family keep a set of records of its births, marriages, divorces, deaths, and other important facts. Each family should keep in its possession certified copies of the birth of each of its members. Often proof of an individual's age and citizenship are required for travel 2-84 9444 passports, application for certain jobs, pensions, military duties and benefits, and other activities. Occasionally errors are made in the original recording of a birth, and often the law provides that only parents can make corrections in a birth registration.

Practically every living descendant of George Dixon who was located helped in some way in the collection of materials for this book. To all these the writer is grateful for their help. Special recognition should be given to Robert Dixon and Myrtle Dixon Vickery of Covington, Indiana, for the extensive assistance they gave to the project.

This genealogy is far from complete. The writer hopes that descendants will continue to provide him with information so that a more complete record can be published in the future. Also there are undoubtedly

some errors in this publication and the writer would appreciate having corrections sent to him.

This book is being published for release on July 3, 1955 on which date the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicate a marker to George Dixon. The marker is erected at the grave of George Dixon which is located in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery. This cemetery is located about one-half mile south of Foster, Indiana in Warren County, Indiana.

Female descendants of George Dixon are eligible to apply for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The documentary proof of lineage is attached to the D.A.R. membership of Mary Margaret Graham. Her admission number is 43438.5,

The inspiration for research into the Dixon family history, and the writing of this report, was given to the writer by his mother, Della Dixon Ramsey. This book is dedicated to her memory.

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Descendants of
GEORGE DIXON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SPY

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Chapter I

Introduction

The names Dixon, Dickson, Dickinson, Dick, Dickenson and other variations are different ways of expressing the name of various branches of apparently the same original Scottish clan. The origin of this family can be traced back to about 1300 A.D. in records of Scotland. One of the earliest records of the family is a grant of land in 1306 from King Robert Bruce to Thomas Dicson in the County of Lanack, Scotland. The usual form of the name in Scotland is "Dickson", in America "Dixon". The clan appellation given to the Dixon family was "Famous Dixons".

Early in the seventeenth century, during the reign of James I, King of Great Britain, many Protestants from Scotland fled to the province of Ulster in Northern Ireland in order to escape religious persecution. The association of these Scots with the Irish apparently influenced them in certain ways, such as their acquisition of the Irish language. However, they clung closely to their Protestant Presbyterian faith. They soon became known in Ireland and elsewhere as "Scotch-Irish" even though there were very few intermarriages between the Scots and the Irish. Among those who settled in Northern Ireland were some members of the Dixon clan.

Many of the Scotch-Irish migrated from northern Ireland to America

during the colonization period of the eighteenth century. A large settlement of Scotch-Irish was established in the western part of Virginia beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains. A history of this group is contained in Lyman Chalkley's Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, 1745-1800. 3 Volumes. Commonwealth Co., Roslyn, Pa. This history and other histories of early Virginia and West Virginia contain many references to members of the Dixon family. It is believed that sometime before 1750 the parents of George Dixon, and therefore the ancestors of the Dixon family in Warren County, Indiana, left their homes in Ulster County, Ireland, for American shores.

Most of the Scotch-Irish who settled in the western part of Virginia beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains entered America through New York harbor. After landing they traveled southwest through Pennsylvania and entered Virginia through the Shenandoah Valley. Palatinate German immigrants from the Rhineland had settled in the lower or northern end of the Shenandoah Valley shortly before the Scots. The Ulster Scots followed the Germans closely and settled farther up the valley. "The Valley" referred to the area between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Allegheny Mountains. Its length is about two hundred miles and it varies in width from ten to twenty miles. In 1763 Frederick and Augusta County embraced all the Valley and in addition the vast lands beyond the Allegheny Mountains claimed by Virginia. In 1776 Botetourt County was cut from Augusta County. Then Greenbrier County was formed in 1777 from Botetourt. In 1778 Rockbridge and Rockingham were carved from Augusta County. The principal town and county seat of Augusta County has always been Staunton. A good account of the early settlement of this part of Virginia is given by F. H. Hart in The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution. Chapel Hill, N. Car., 1942.

The Valley Frontiersmen were almost continually in conflict with the Indians from the time of the first settlement in the Valley until the close of the Revolutionary War. These frontiersmen proved to be almost as excellent woodsmen as the Indians. They were given the name "Long Knives" by Chief Cornstalk of the Shawnee Indians, the principal tribe to oppose the pioneers' westward advance. The settlers continually pushed westward, taking land from the Indians, and the Indians in turn retaliated by acts of burning and stealing, and the massacre or capturing of white settlers. A series of expeditions were sent against the Indians of the Ohio Valley from time to time. A decisive battle was fought in 1774 at Point Pleasant (at the junction of the Kenawha and Ohio rivers) in which the Indians were defeated. However, the frontier was subject to Indian attacks all during the Revolutionary War. The British in Detroit encouraged and assisted the Ohio Valley Indians to wage war against the Americans in order to weaken the Revolutionary forces opposing the British troops along the coast lands. During the Revolutionary War the frontier Continental troops and local militia built and garrisoned several forts along the Ohio. These forts were attacked several times by Indians during the War. The American forces in the Ohio Valley not only defended their positions, but went on the offensive and scored a brilliant victory over the British in the General George Rogers Clark expedition to the Illinois Territory.

These were the major events in which George Dixon's parents moved when they settled sometime before 1754 in Augusta County, Virginia.

Chapter II

GEORGE DIXON

Virginia Frontiersman and
Revolutionary War Soldier

Our account begins with the birth of George Dixon. He was born on February 17, 1754 in Augusta County, Virginia. The names of his parents are as yet unknown. In 1754 Augusta County was still very much an undeveloped and sparsely settled frontier area. George Dixon's parents were consequently among the earliest Scotch-Irish settlers of this farwestern section of Virginia. They probably came to this country from Northern Ireland sometime after 1720, and probably entered America through New York Harbor. The belief that George's parents were immigrants from Northern Ireland is based on the fact that George spoke Irish as well as English. Apparently Irish was used in his home by his parents. This fact would probably be untrue of a second generation family. The parents undoubtedly belonged to the Presbyterian Church as practically all the Scotch-Irish immigrants were members of this denomination.

The earliest facts regarding George Dixon, other than the date and place of his birth, pertain to his services as a Soldier of the American Revolutionary War. The record of his war services is cited in numerous published records and these will be given later. The most complete and important set of records regarding his services is held in the U.S. National Archives, Washington, D. C. The records there are filed under George Dixon, Revolutionary War Pension, Number S-16764. George Dixon served three tours of military duty during the War for Independence. First, a background statement for each

tour of duty will be given, then a verbatim report will be presented as it appears in the pension records of George Dixon.

George Dixon's First Tour of Duty

Background Facts. When the Revolutionary War broke out, the British at Detroit inspired the Ohio Valley Indians to wage war against the Americans. The Indians had long resented and often resisted the trans-Allegheny migration of the Americans and so were ready in 1777 for revenge when the British provided them with war supplies and military leadership. The Indians started a campaign of burning, plunder, massacre, and the capture of the frontier settlers. Patrick Henry, then Governor of Virginia, ordered the western counties of Virginia to mobilize against the British-Indian threats and attacks along the Ohio River frontier. In June 1777, the Continental Army appointed General Edward Hand to take over the defense of the western frontier. His headquarters were located at Ft. Pitt (now Pittsburg, Pa.). One of the principal forts under his command was Ft. Randolph at Point Pleasant, located at the junction of the Kanawha River and the Ohio River. Capt. Matthew Arbuckle, a regular Army officer, was in charge of Ft. Randolph during most of the Revolutionary War. The Indians made several attacks upon Ft. Randolph during the War and frequently attacked and killed white settlers behind the fort in the Kanawha Valley.

First Tour of Duty. "That he (George Dixon) entered the said Service in the month of September A.D. 1777. A volunteer of the County of Greenbrier in State of Virginia (now West Virginia) in the company commanded by Captain James Armstrong. Marched from the said County of Greenbrier down the Kenhaway

(Kanawha) to Point Pleasant (Ft. Randolph) on the Ohio River. Capt. (Matthew) Arbuckle commanded Said Garison at Point Pleasant. he was a regular officer of the United States Army. He this said declarant halted at the Said Garison untill the troupes commanded by General Hann (Hand) would arrive. this said declarant was to join General Hann to go against the Indians on the Scioto now in the State of Ohio. While he this Said declarant lay at Point Pleasant, aforesaid Robert Gilmore a private in the company that this said declarant belonged to was kild by the Indians. The said Gilmore crossed the River Kan-hanway for the purpose of hunting and was fired upon and kild by the Indians. The circumstances of Gilmore being kild exasperated and enragd the militia to such a hight. that they (one militia officer and three militia men from Rockbridge Co., Va.) fired upon and kild four friendly Indians. that had been several days in the fort. One who was King Cornstalk, a Shawnee Indian in despite of the Commandant officer of the Garison.

"General Hann (arrived and) deeming the above named expedition (campaign against Ohio Indians) inadvisable (not enough troops) abandoned the expedition. When the said Gen'l Hann discharged his troops in the Month of November (Nov. 19, 1777) in the year Seventeen hundred Seventy Seven When this Said declarant after being Honorably discharged returned home (Greenbrier Co.)."

George Dixon's Second Tour of Duty

Background Facts. General George Rogers Clark conceived the plan of moving a military force against the British held forts in the Illinois territory. British garrisons had been established at Kaskaskia (Ill.) and Vincennes (Ind.). Gen. Clark placed his plans before Governor Patrick Henry of Virginia. The

plans were approved and the expedition was secretly authorized on February 4, 1778. To cover the real purpose of Gen. Clark's plans, Gov. Patrick Henry announced publicly that the force was being organized to defend Kentucky from British-inspired raids by the Ohio Indians. Even Gen. Clark's officers and men did not know the real purpose of the expedition until they were on their way to the Illinois Territory. The officers and soldiers for Gen. Clark's force were all drafted from the region west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Gen. Clark assembled his men at a place on the Ohio River near the present city of Louisville, Kentucky. Gen. Clark started down the Ohio with his force on June 4, 1778. The brilliant execution of the campaign lead to the defeat of the British at Kaskaskia and Vincennes. George Dixon was drafted to serve under Gen. Clark, but as his papers show, his company was diverted for a supply mission and he missed the Illinois campaign as his company arrived in Kentucky a few days after Gen. Clark's army had left.

Second Tour of Duty. "On a Second tour this Said declarant (George Dixon) was drafted from the millitia of Said County of Greenbrier in Virginia (at Burn-sides House or Station) to go to Kentucky and thero to join General Clark on a expedition to the Scioto (this is what the soldiors and public were told) now in the Stato of Ohio. Drafted as aforesaid in the month of February Seven-teen hundred Seventy Eight. (His brother, Peter Dixon, then age 18, was also drafted at the same time into the same company. They served together except for the express run which George made. See Peter Dixon's U.S. Pension File S-32694.) And marched in the month of March of the same year to Fort Chessell (Chiswell) in Virginia (near Wythevillo, Wythe County, Virginia. Probably to guard the Chiswell lead mines from the Tories, or to get a supply of lead for

Gen. Clark). In the Company Commanded by Captain John Henderson (also Lt. John Wood) under the command of Major (Andrew) Hamilton. Stationed at Fort Chissel (Chiswell) aforesaid waiting for the militia troops from the County of Bedford to arm. Waited till the(y) grew impatient of waiting. They determined on sending an express (supply expedition) (probably of lead) to Kentucky. When this declarant and six others of his Comrads was detailed by Said Officers to carry said express. The undertaking and of which was considered to be very hazardous. We arrived safe at Logans Station (or Ft. Logan) on Dicks river in Kentucky (one mile east of present town of Stanford, Kentucky, in Lincoln County) and delivered Said express as directed to Colonel Logan of Kentucky. Stayed at Said Station about Three weeks when the troops that this said declarant belonged to arrived from Fort Chissel (Chiswell) in Virginia. for the purpose of Joining Gen'l Clark. But Gen'l Clark having returned to Kentucky after an expedition to the Scioto in which the troops that this declarant belonged was to have participated in But arrived too late for to join Gen'l Clark aforesaid in said expedition. Was disbanded by Major Hamilton who were their Commandant in the month of June 1778 and returned home to (Greenbrier) Virginia." (Since Gen. Clark left June 4, 1778, the company to which George belonged probably arrived only a few days too late to join the Illinois expedition).

George Dixon's Third Tour of Duty

Background Facts. All during the Revolutionary War the Indians made raids against the forts and the settlers in the Trans-Allegheny regions. Occasionally strong Indian forces attacked the American forts on the Ohio River or raided the settlers far behind the forts. Both the military personnel and the

civilians had to be on a constant alert for Indian parties bent upon massacre and other destruction. The Continental Army assigned Indian Spies to the area. The duty of these Spies was to watch constantly distant and remote areas of Northwest Territory for signs of Indian war parties. (Spies were classified separately from officers and enlisted men by the Army during the American Revolutionary War). The Spies were to warn both the settlers and the military posts of any pending dangers. George Dixon was assigned as a Spy for the Northwest Territory on May 1, 1779, and served in this capacity for 2 years and 6 months. Another Spy in this same area during the Revolutionary War was Daniel Boone.

Third Tour of Duty. "On the first of May Seventeen hundred Seventy nine engaged in Company Commanded by Captain Graham under the Command of Colonel Brown of Greenbrier County Virginia a Spy to Spy out and reconoitier the inroads and incursions of the Indians on the Kenhaway, and the Country thereabout. Served from the 1st of May Seventeen hundred Seventy nine to the first of November Seventeen hundred Eight one at the rate of five Shillings per day in Continental money Were bound to find myself ammunition and other acquipage together with necessary provision".

"He was urged by Col. Graham of Greenbrier Cty to watch his family till he could return from Court. and that he said Dixon did watch accordingly and that the said Dixon discovered there were danger from Indians. and warned the family of Col. Gorham (Graham) who did not heed his the said Dixons warning. the family afors'd refused to go to the fort that was close by and was murdered by the Indians the next morning."

George reported....."a woman by the name of Butler kilded

in Virginia"

Other reports in the original document.

The records quoted in the preceding paragraphs are taken from sworn statements made in Warren County Courts in the years 1832 and 1833. The first affidavit made by George Dixon is dated November 12, 1832, and was made in the Warren County Probate Court before Judge William Wilmeth and Clerk of the Court James A. Cunningham. This affidavit bears George Dixon's signature. A second affidavit was made by George Dixon on June 7, 1833, and was sworn to before Warren County Circuit Court, Associate Judge James Crawford presiding, and Clerk of the Court James Cunningham. A third testimony was given by Richard Shute and Samuel Garrison on May 31, 1833, before John B. King, Justice of Peace, Baltimore, Indiana. A fourth testimony was made personally by John B. King, Justice of Peace, on May 31, 1833. Finally in the pension file is a letter dated January 6, 1851, and sent from Summitville, Indiana, to Washington by George Dixon's sons and daughters, Peter Dixon, Unice Davis, Jessie Dixon, Henry Dixon, and Ollive Stover. The letter is signed by Aaron M. Williams and Thomas Ewing, Jr.

George Dixon was granted a U.S. pension for his Revolutionary War Service which is numbered S-16764. His name was inscribed on the Indiana pension rolls on August 28, 1833, and bears number 19369. He was allotted a pension of \$80.00 per annum beginning retroactively on March 4, 1831. His Indiana pension was recorded by Don Boyd, Clerk, in Book E, Volume 7, Page 109.

In all, George Dixon served three years and four months as a soldier among recognized forces of the Virginia Militia and the Continental Army. This is an unusually long term of service, as most of the soldiers of that

period served short terms of three to six months. Other records of George Dixon's military service, other than those in the U.S. pension file, appear in several published materials. There is an abstract of the reports in his U.S. pension files in the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis. The following books list his name and give other information regarding George Dixon's services in the War for Independence.

1. Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War. J. T. McAllister, Hot Springs, Va., 1913. Page 270 "Geo. Dixon, 76, Warren Co., Ind."
2. Virginia Soldiers of 1776. Burgess Press, 1929. Page 1248, "George Dixon"
3. Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783. J. H. Gwathney, Dietz Press, 1938.
Page 227: (1) "George Dixon, 76, Warren Co., Ind., m.p.l."
(m.p.l. means military pension list)
(2) "George Dixon, Spy. Northwest Territory" (Cited in Old Records Division, Adj. General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.) Writer believes these two ontrees are the same George Dixon.
(3) "George Dixon, i.n.f." (Name appears on Army Register but have not received land bounty. Extensive file in War Dept.) Writer also believes this third entry refers to the same George Dixon. See following, #4, reference for evidence.
4. Revolutionary War Records. Virginia, Vol. 1, G. M. Brumbaugh, Washington, D.C., 1936. Page 219: "...soldiers of the Virginia line upon continental establishment, whose names are on the Army register, and who have not received bounty land for their services in the war of the revolution." Page 234: "George Dixon, Soldier, Inf"
5. Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia. H. J. Eckenrode. Virginia State Library, 1912. Page 139: "George Dixon, Auditor's Account, XXii, 194: War 4, 160."
6. Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana. D.A.R. Publication, 1938.
7. Indiana Pension Roll. Washington, D. C., Duff Green, 1835. Page 74 (514): "George Dixon, Pvt. 80/yr. R'e'd \$240.00, Virginia Militia. Aug. 28, 1833, placed on pension. March 4, 1831, commencement of pension, age 76."

In George Dixon's pension papers, he stated he lived after the Revolutionary War in Greenbrier and Monroe Counties, (W) Virginia, before going westward. Greenbrier County during its early years included vast areas of what is now West Virginia. Therefore the Greenbrier County reference of George Dixon is not very specific in locating him geographically. Monroe County was formed in 1799 and had more limited boundaries. However, George Dixon appears not to have changed residences but was living in that part of Greenbrier County that became Monroe County in 1799. (In 1872 the same area was placed in Summers County). Now we shall return to specific facts about George Dixon in the period after the Revolutionary War.

About one year after George Dixon completed his military service, he married Veronica (Verona) Van Bibber. A license was issued to them on October 10, 1782, as cited in the Marriage Record Book No. 1A, Page 23, Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, West Virginia. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. John Alderson on Nov. 20, 1782. A record of the marriage is reported by John W. Wayland in his Virginia Valley Records, Page 157. The marriage probably took place in Rev. John Alderson's church at Alderson, West Virginia, which was located not far from the Dixon settlement on Little Wolf Creek.

Veronica Van Bibber was most likely the daughter of one of the Van Bibbers who were among the first settlers in Little Wolf Creek. In 1774 Capt. John and Chloce Van Bibber and his brother, Jacob Van Bibber, received patents for land in the area. There are many records regarding the Van Bibbers and their role in various early settlements of West Virginia. However, Veronica's exact parentage has as yet not been proven.

In 1784 a court record appears which suggests that George Dixon was

at that time at Point Pleasant, (W) Virginia. The record cites an agreement signed November 20, 1784, by Andrew Lewis with George Dixon, John Van Bibber, Peter Van Bibber, Peter Van Bibber, Jr., Jacob Van Bibber, James Van Bibber, and several others to the effect that each would receive an acre lot in town if they would "continue to defend the place we are now settling." This agreement is recorded in the Circuit Court Records, Augusta County, Staunton, Virginia, Lewis & Lowis, No. 222, Filo No. 78. Also the agreement is cited in Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, 1745-1800, Vol. II, pages 175-176. It is not known whether or not George Dixon served the required time at Point Pleasant and received the acre lot.

Apparently George and Veronica returned to the Dixon settlement on Wolf Creek area of the Greenbrier River soon after 1784, if not before. George Dixon appears as the head of a family on a roll taken from the Greenbrier County Tax List for the period 1783-1786. These tax lists are published in 1790 U.S. Census, Greenbrier County, Page 109, as the original census figures for the area were destroyed. Other Dixon names appearing on the same list are Patrick Dixon, Richard Dixon, John Dickson and Joseph Dickson. Also appearing are John Van Bibber, Peter Van Bibber, Sr., and Peter Van Bibber, Jr.

A 1790 Survey shows George Dixon living on 80 acres of land on the south side of the Greenbrier River across from the present town of Talcott, West Virginia. He probably settled on the land sometime before the land was officially surveyed. The survey was made by John Byrnside and Alexander Welch, June 15, 1790. This survey is cited in Surveyor's Record Book No. 2, Page 110, Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, West Virginia. A record of the patent for the 80 acres appears in Sim's, Index to West Virginia Land Grants, 1800, Book 4, Page 377. This land is cited as adjacent to the holdings of Richard

Davis. A photostatic copy of the patent can be obtained from the Auditor's Office, Charleston, West Virginia. The patent bears the signature of James Monroe, then governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is dated June 28, 1800. George and Veronica also acquired additional lands probably by deed, as they are cited as holding 204 acres in 1806.

George and Veronica had five children. All were born during the period when they lived across the river from Talcott, West Virginia. Peter was born in 1788, Eunice 1789, Jesse 1794, Henry 1798, and Olive in 1800. The known history of each of these children will be taken up in the following Chapter III.

On August 28, 1793 George Dixon is cited as being drawn on Greenbrier County Petit Jury. This action is cited in Court Order Book C, pages not numbered, Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

On January 21, 1806, George and wife Veronica sold 204 acres of land they held on the Greenbrier River to Jephtha Massey. This transition is shown in Deed Book E, Page 123, Monroe County, Union, West Virginia. It is interesting to note that George Dixon's son, Henry, married a Mary "Polly" Massey. Proof of her parentage, however, has never been achieved.

George and Veronica apparently soon departed from the Wolf Creek area on the Greenbrier after the sale of their property. Miller, in his History of Monroe County, page 335, states, "George and Veronica Dixon lived on the Greenbrier River, but moved to Kenawha County before 1808".

Peter Dixon, Brother of George Dixon

Peter Dixon was born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1760. He served as a soldier in the American Revolutionary forces, and from his war

papers, which are on file in the National Archives, Washington, D.C., the following facts have been obtained. He was drafted as a private in February 1778 into the military service at Burnside Station, Greenbrier County, for a period of six months. His company officers were Capt. John Henderson and Lt. John Woods; his regimental commander was Major Andrew Hamilton. Peter was assigned to the same company as George Dixon, the latter on his second tour of duty. As reported in detail for George Dixon, the company marched to Chiswell Mines, Virginia, then over the mountains to Ft. Logan in Kentucky (under Major Quick), then back to Greenbrier County. Peter Dixon was discharged from this tour of duty in August 1778.

Peter Dixon states clearly in his pension papers that he served his first tour of duty with his brother, George Dixon. Thus their relationship is clearly established.

Peter Dixon's second tour of duty resulted from his joining an immigrant train under Capt. Henry Boughman going from Virginia to Kentucky. Near a place called Crab Orchard, while camped for the night, they were attacked by Indians and "six of us" were killed. The remainder of the party, including Peter Dixon, reached Logan's Station, Kentucky. Colonel Benjamin Logan, of that Station, organized a battalion to punish the Indians responsible for the massacre. Peter Dixon volunteered for the expedition in November 1780 at Whittley's Station in a company commanded by Capt. Andrew Kinkade and Lt. James Caldwell. They marched to the mouth of the Licking River on the Ohio, then to the Old Chillicothe Indian Towns, thence to the head of the Miami River. "There (we) destroyed the Indian Towns, destroyed their corn and other property." Then the expedition returned to Kentucky and was discharged by Col. Logan at Logan's Station in January 1781.

Sometime after the Revolutionary War, Peter Dixon went to Kentucky. The place of his residence there is unknown, but may have been Mt. Sterling. He migrated to Warren County, Indiana, before 1834.

On September 15, 1834, Peter Dixon, then age 74, filed for a Revolutionary War pension in Fountain County, Indiana, before Clerk of the Court, W. B. White. The application was sworn to by Robert Milford and Benedict Morris. An affidavit as to Peter Dixon's services was filed by his brother, George Dixon, in September 1834, before John B. King, Justice of Peace, Warren County. A second affidavit was given by S. H. Garrison, also in September 1834, in Warren County. Garrison states he had known Peter Dixon for eight or ten years. A third affidavit was filed by Peter Dixon (son of George Dixon) for his uncle Peter Dixon on December 22, 1834, before John B. King, Warren County. A fourth affidavit was made by Joseph Swope, Jr., of Montgomery County, Indiana. He stated that he had known Peter Dixon (the applicant) over 30 years ago in Virginia. Also he swore that his father, Joseph Swope, Sr., had served with Peter Dixon on the Chiswell-Ft. Logan expedition (also with George Dixon). Peter Dixon's application was reviewed by Honorable E. A. Hannegan of the House of Representatives. On December 25, 1834, a supplementary affidavit made by Peter Dixon states he also served an additional year in the Service at Van Bibber's Station, Greenbrier County, Virginia, and that he "drew his pay and rations, for which he claims nothing".

Peter Dixon was awarded U.S. pension number S-32694 for his services as a Revolutionary War Soldier. His name was inscribed on the Indiana pension rolls, February 2, 1835, Number 29,702, for \$30 per annum. It was recorded by D. Brown, Clerk, in Book E2, Volume 7, Page 120. His service is cited in Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana - A Supplement by Margaret R. Waters,

1954. See Page 29.

Peter Dixon of Greenbrier County married Barbara Null after the Revolutionary War on September 25, 1787. This marriage was performed by Rev. John Alderson and is cited in Virginia Valley Records. A record of the marriage is also cited in Greenbrier County, Marriage Book 1A, Page 23. Nothing more is known of Peter Dixon's wife or any of their descendants, if any.

The place of Peter Dixon's burial is unknown, but it is probably an unmarked grave in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery as he was still living in Mound Township, Warren County, at age 74.

The Greenbrier Dixon Clan

Current information about the Greenbrier Dixon clan, other than the date and the place of George Dixon's birth, begins in about 1776 with a set of facts known about the Dixon family settlement on Little Wolf Creek, a Greenbrier River tributary, in what was then Greenbrier County, Virginia, but what is now Monroe County, West Virginia. Among the very first settlers of this area were two Dixons. A certain Patrick Dixon was living in the area in 1774 according to a survey made in that year. The other early settler was John Dixon, who either came with Patrick or arrived soon thereafter. In a few years the settlement consisted of several Dixon members. It is known that the various members of this Dixon clan were related, but the exact relationship of most of them is as yet undetermined. George Dixon was a known member of this settlement in 1777 as he entered military service from this area.

There is a possibility that Patrick Dixon or John Dixon was the father of George Dixon. This point is discussed in a subsequent section of this chapter. George Dixon was definitely known to have had one brother by

the name of Peter Dixon. Peter Dixon was born in Augusta County in 1760. He also was a member of the Greenbrier settlement in 1777. There is an assumption that Ebenezer Dixon of the Greenbrier clan was a brother or cousin of George Dixon. Known facts about Peter Dixon and Ebenezer Dixon will be given later in this book.

The names and dates of Dixons whose names appear in the early records of Greenbrier County are given in this paragraph. In Miller's History of Monroe County, pages 334-335, are the names: John Dickson 1780, Richard Dickson 1782, Patrick Dixon 1787, Richard Dickson 1787, James Dickson 1787, Joseph (Agnes) Dickson, John (Dorkys) Dixon 1795, Joseph Dixon 1795, John, Henry, Joseph, Richard and William 1797, William Dixon 1799, John and Richard Dixon 1800, Joseph Dixon 1805, and Patrick Dixon 1809. The Greenbrier County Marriage Records, located at Greenbrier, West Virginia, show the marriages of: Peter Dickson to Barbara Null, Sept. 25, 1787; Abenezzer (Ebenezer) Dickson to Margaret Swohe (Swope), July 30, 1793; and Henry Dixon to Alse Wilson, Feb. 6, 1794. The three Dicksons cited in these marriage records were known by family tradition to be related to George Dixon. In 1916 there were still Dicksons living in the Greenbrier River District of Monroe-Summers County (See pages 334-335, History of Monroe County). Dixon marriages cited in J. W. Wayland's Virginia Valley Records show George Dixon and Veronica Van Bibber were married in 1782, Margaret Dickson and Charles Hines 1791, Peter Dixon and Barbara Null 1787, Mary Dixon and Alexander Wilson 1787, Nancy Dixon and Robert Tinchor 1788, and Joseph Dicson and Nancy McClung 1791. What few facts are known about the Dixons cited in this paragraph will be given as this account unfolds.

Possible Ancestry of George Dixon

George Dixon's father may have been Patrick Dixon or John Dixon. These two Dixons are recorded as being the first of the Dixon family to establish themselves in the Little Wolf Creek area on the Greenbrier River. In Survey Entry Book #1, Page 30, Greenbrier (W) Virginia, there is an entry which shows that Patrick Dixon received title to 200 acres of land, of which 65 acres were surveyed for him in 1774. Also in Book #1, Page 30, there is an entry showing John Dixon received title to 200 acres on Little Wolf Creek (land adjacent to James Given and Henry Jones) because of his settlement on the land before January 1, 1778. The witnesses to the titles for both Patrick and John Dixon deeds were Samuel McDowell, James McCorkle, and William McKee. These two patents are also cited in History of Monroe County, pages 334-335.

Attempts to trace the Dixon family backward from 1774 has yielded only one bit of evidence. Patrick Dixon and wife Mary patented 200 acres of land in Augusta County the south side of the "Shenando" in a survey made by John Carr. This may have been on South River as in 1771 all tributaries of the Shenandoah were frequently called "Shenando". One researcher has suggested the land might have been located near Waynesboro, Virginia. This 1771 patent of Patrick Dixon is recorded in Patent Book 39, 1770-1771, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia. Patrick and wife Mary Dixon sold this 200 acres to Hugh Donnaghe on Feb. 3, 1775. The witnesses to this sale were Ralph Lofftus, William Blair, and Samuel Craige. The transaction is recorded in Deed Book 25, page 252, Augusta County, Virginia. Patrick Dixon then went to Little Wolf Creek area. Several families in the same "Shenando" area of Augusta County also went to the Little Wolf Creek area including John Wiley,

Jacob Doran, Barnabas Johnson, and William Lafferty.

Greenbrier Acquaintances of the Dixons

The acquaintance of the Dixon family and the Swope family in Greenbrier County appears in several records. Joseph Swope, Sr., settled on 200 acres on Wolf Creek in 1774, the same year Patrick Dixon acquired land there. In 1834 Joseph Swope, Jr., testified in Warren County courts that he knew Peter Dixon (George Dixon's brother) over 30 years ago back in (W) Virginia (See Peter Dixon's U.S. Pension papers). Joseph Swope, Jr., also stated that his father, Joseph Swope, Sr., served in the Revolutionary War with Peter Dixon (also with George Dixon, as he served with Peter). The Swope family history is given on pages 494-506, in the History of Monroe County. Abenezzer Dixon, possibly a brother of George Dixon, married Margaret Swope in 1793 in Greenbrier County.

George Dixon married Veronica Van Bibber. John Van Bibber and brother, Jacob, were probably the first settlers (1770) in Wolf Creek area in Greenbrier County. Many records exist of the Van Bibbers and their pioneering in West Virginia. Veronica was undoubtedly the daughter of one of the early Van Bibbers, but her exact parentage still remains unproven. In this book the Van Bibber name is cited in connection with George Dixon at several places.

In George Dixon's pension papers it states he was acquainted with Henry McDaniel and John Ray of Greenbrier and Monroe Counties. Records show Henry McDaniel left Monroe County in 1808 for Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio. George Dixon left Greenbrier County at the same time and went to Kenawha County, West Virginia. However, in 1830 George, his sons Peter and

Henry, were living in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio. Peter Dixon purchased land in Gallia County in 1829 from Alexander McDaniel, son of Henry McDaniel.

George Dixon sold his land in 1806 in Monroe County, West Virginia, to Jephtha Massey. George's son, Henry, married a Polly Massey. However, Polly's parentage is still not proven.

On January 25, 1806, just four days after George and Veronica Dixon sold their Monroe County property, their daughter, Eunice, married Jacob Davis. This marriage is recorded in Monroe County, West Virginia, Marriage Records, File No. 2, Jacket No. 638. Jesse Dixon was twelve years old when George Dixon and family "went down the Kenawha". Records show that Jesse Dixon returned to Monroe County to marry Katherine Pence on January 29, 1820. This marriage is recorded in Monroe County Marriage Records, File No. 3, Jacket 2016. This is the last record found of the George Dixon family in Monroe County. No records have been found so far in Monroe County or elsewhere of the marriage of Henry Dixon to "Polly" Mary Massey, or his sister, Olive Dixon, to Jack Stover. It is hoped that a record of these two marriages will eventually be found.

Dispersion of the Little Wolf Creek Dixon Clan

A few facts are known of the spreading of the Dixon clan from Little Wolf Creek settlement. Patrick Dixon sold his land in Monroe County and went to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Henry Dixon and family, and undoubtedly George Dixon too, went by the way of Mt. Sterling when they migrated from Gallia County, Ohio, to Warren County, Indiana. Such a long detour could only be explained by the Dixons' desire to visit with close family members. There

are no Dixons living in the Mt. Sterling area today. A preliminary search of the records there so far has revealed no information about early Dixon settlers in that area. The westward movement of George Dixon and his family will be treated in the various sections of this book.

The westward migration of two other Dixons of the Wolf Creek area is known. Ebenezer Dixon (1770-1855) and Henry Dixon (1818-1886) went to Raccoon Creek, Putnam County, Indiana. Ebenezer's residence in Greenbrier County is established by the record of his marriage to Margaret Swope in 1793, as cited in the county's Marriage Book 1A, Page 23. Henry Dixon is also cited on the same page as having married Alse Wilson in 1794. The Dixons who migrated to Warren County and those who went to Putnam County visited "back and forth" during the first two generations. The families were known to be related but knowledge of their exact relationship has been lost. George Dixon may have been a brother or cousin to Ebenezer Dixon. There are at least eight Dixons' grave markers still remaining today in the private Dixon Homeplace Cemetery located near Raccoon, Indiana.

George Dixon in Kanawha County, West Virginia

George Dixon, like most American frontiersmen, felt the urge to push ever westward. George and his family left Monroe County in 1806, or soon thereafter, and went westward down the Kanawha River to Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. Veronica's family, the Van Bibbers, had previously moved there from Monroe County, and the Dixons followed them.

There are records available in Kanawha County regarding George Dixon, and these are just now being investigated. George Dixon homesteaded on Cabin Creek, and the grant of this land is cited in Sims, Index to West

Virginia. Also it is recorded in Dyers, Index to West Virginia Land Grants.

Soon after the family's arrival in Kanawha County, George Dixon's son, Peter, married Lucy Long in 1808. (See Kanawha County Marriage Records, Book 1, Page 11). George's wife, Veronica, died on March 27, 1824. It is assumed that the family was still living in Kanawha County in 1824. Therefore, Veronica is probably buried some place in that County. A search will be made in an effort to locate the grave. It is logical to assume that Henry Dixon married "Polly" Massey while George and Veronica lived on Cabin Creek. However, no official record of the place and time of Henry's marriage has so far been found.

George Dixon in Gallia County, Ohio

George Dixon next followed the westward frontier by moving from Kanawha County, West Virginia, to Gallia County, Ohio. The date of his arrival there is unknown. He states in his pension papers that he lived in Gallia County after he left (W) Virginia. The 1830 U.S. Census for Walnut Township, Gallia County, shows George Dixon living there with Henry Dixon, his son. There were several other Dixon families living in Gallia County between 1820 and 1830, and for some time after that, but their identity is unknown. In 1955 no Dixons were living in Gallia County. If George Dixon did move to Gallia County before 1824, then his wife died there. A search of the cemeteries in Walnut Township of that County has revealed no graves with Dixon markers.

George Dixon knew a Robert Schute while in Gallia County. Later, in 1833, Robert Schute testified in a Court in Warren County, Indiana, that he had known George Dixon five years ago (1828) in Gallia County. Schute

said he had visited in George Dixon's home and that he, George Dixon, was a "man of unquestionable truth and veracity". A Samuel Garrison also swore in 1833 in the same Court that he had known George Dixon for sixteen years. So apparently he knew George in Gallia County and also, probably, back in (W) Virginia. George also knew the McDaniel family that migrated to Gallia County from Little Wolf Creek, Monroe County, West Virginia, in 1806. George and his three sons were living in Warren County, Indiana, in 1832, so our Dixon families must have left Gallia County in 1830 or soon thereafter.

George Dixon, Warren County, Indiana, Pioneer

George Dixon made his last and longest westward move when he migrated from Gallia County, Ohio to Warren County, Indiana. The trip was made sometime between 1830 and 1832. In a previous section of this Chapter (Page 10) it relates how George Dixon filed for a Revolutionary War Pension in Warren County Courts in 1832, thus definitely establishing his residence there at that time.

On August 28, 1834, when George was 80 years old, he filed for his last homestead. It is amazing that a man of 80 years was still active and interested enough to pioneer and to homestead another portion of frontier American lands. The tract of land that George Dixon obtained from the United States is located in what is now Mound Township, Warren County. The claim for the tract was filed at Crawfordsville, Indiana, U.S. Land Office. The land homesteaded contained 109.37 acres and its location is described as the north-east quarter, Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 10 West. The official entry for the land is recorded in the Crawfordsville Land Tract Book No. 4, p. 1221. These tract books are on file in the Auditor's Office,

State Capitol, Indianapolis, Indiana. The land most likely cost George \$1.25 an acre, the prevailing price at that time. George Dixon received a U.S. Land Patent, No. 22239, dated March 18, 1837, for the homesteaded land. The patent is signed by President Martin Van Buren.

For some unknown reason the following three histories of Warren County do not list George Dixon as an early settler, although they do mention other early pioneers, some of whom came much later. These references also do not mention Henry Dixon, who homesteaded in Warren County in 1832, two years before his father did.

- (1) Counties of Warren, Benton, Jasper, and Newton, Indiana.
Historical and Biographical. Chicago: F. A. Beatley & Co. 1883.
- (2) Past and Present of Fountain and Warren Counties of Indiana.
Edited by Thomas A. Clifton. Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen & Co., 1913.
- (3) Warren County Centennial, 1827-1927. History of Mound Township by
Gertrude Ballah. Williamsport, 1927.

Family stories state that George Dixon loved to whistle and he was nicknamed "Whislin" George. George was known to love to sing in either Irish or English. The records show that at age 80 George Dixon traveled five miles from his home to the voting polls at Baltimore Hill to exercise his right to vote, thus showing his firm belief in the principles of self-government of the country for which he served. On April 28, 1837, George deeded his land to his two sons, Peter and Henry. George died on February 17, 1840. After 85 years the end had come to an illustrious and sturdy frontiersman, a Revolutionary War soldier and spy, and the ever westward moving pioneer. George Dixon was buried in the private Foster-Dixon Cemetery located about one mile south of Foster, Indiana, in Warren County. His sons erected a marker at his grave which is still standing in 1955. There is an error of one year in his birth as shown on the stone.

The marker reads:

George Dixon
_____, 1755
February 27, 1840
Age 85 years

On July 3, 1955, the Quibache Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a memorial marker to George Dixon in honor of his great services to his native country as a soldier, spy, frontiersman, and pioneer. The marker is located at the foot of his grave in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery, Warren County, Indiana. It reads:

GEORGE DIXON

Feb. 17, 1754 Augusta Co., Va.
Feb. 27, 1840 Warren Co., Ind.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

Volunteered, Va. Militia, 1777, 3 mos.
Served, Continental Army, 1778, 6 mos.
Engaged, Spy, Continental Army,
1779-1781, 2 yrs., 7 mos.
U.S. Pension S-16764

WARREN COUNTY PIONEER

Pioneered in 1832 or earlier
Homesteaded Aug. 28, 1834

Children of George Dixon:

Peter Dixon 1788 -
Unice Dixon Davis 1789 -
Jesse Dixon 1794 -
Henry Dixon 1798 - 1855
Ollive Dixon Stover 1800 -

The D.A.R. officially recognizes the Revolutionary War Services of George Dixon and the Dixon family lineage to 1955. Any direct female descendant of George Dixon is eligible to apply for membership in the D.A.R.

The documentation of the family lineage is attached to the membership of Mary Margaret Graham, whose membership number is 43438.5. The memorial marker for George Dixon was given by Dr. and Mrs. Glenn V. Ramsey in memory of Della Dixon Ramsey, a great-great-granddaughter of George Dixon.

Chapter III

Children of George and Veronica Dixon

George and Veronica Dixon had three sons and two daughters. The sons were Peter, Henry and Jesse. The daughters were Eunice and Olive (Ollive). All these children were born between 1788 and 1800 at the George Dixon homestead on Little Wolf Creek, Monroe County, (W) Virginia. The home site was located across the Greenbrier River from the present town of Talcott, West Virginia. The proof that these were the children of George and Veronica Dixon is given in a letter now in the U.S. Pension file of George Dixon. The letter was dated January 6, 1851, and posted at Summitville, Indiana, to the U.S. War Department. In this book this letter is referred to as the "Summitville, Indiana" letter.

The preceding chapter outlined the westward migration of George Dixon and family beginning in 1806 from Monroe County (formerly Greenbrier), to Kanawha County, (W) Virginia, thence to Gallia County, Ohio, and finally, in about 1830, to Warren County, Indiana. Only a few facts are known about the children before they arrived in Indiana. In this Chapter, the known facts about each child will be presented.

Peter Dixon

Peter Dixon was the eldest child of George and Veronica Dixon. He was born in 1788 in Monroe County, (W) Virginia. Peter was eighteen years old when his parents left Monroe County for Kanawha County, (W) Virginia. Apparently Peter went with the family as in 1808 he married Lucy Long in Kanawha County. The marriage was performed by Rev. John Lee. A record of

the marriage is contained in Kanawha County Marriage Book I, page 11.

The next record of Peter Dixon is dated 1822 at which time he is living in Gallia County, Ohio. On December 12, 1822 he purchased 80 acres of land (Sec. 36, Twp. 4, Range 15), in Gallia County, Harrison Township, from David Rees for \$100.00. This transfer is cited in County Deed Records, Vol. 9, p. 50. The land records also show that on June 6, 1823, Peter Dixon sold land he owned in Walnut Township, Gallia County. He sold one parcel of 80 acres to Arthur Blankenship for \$65.00 and another parcel of 30 acres to Jack Sartain for \$37.50. These two transactions are listed in County Deeds, Vol. 9, pages 5 and 6. On June 9, 1829 Peter Dixon purchased from Andrew B. Armstrong and his wife, Hannah, land in Walnut Township (Sec. 18, Twp. 4, Range 16) for which he paid \$115.00. This purchase is recorded in County Deeds, Vol. 10, p. 537.

The June 1830 U.S. Census for Gallia County, Ohio, shows Peter Dixon living in Walnut Township. His family consisted of one girl under age 5, two boys between 5-10 years, two boys and one girl between 10-15 years, one boy and one girl between 15-20 years, and one girl between 20 and 30. No person is listed among the females in the age range for his wife and the mother of the above listed children. Peter's wife, Lucy, must have died before 1830 Census while the family lived in Walnut Township and she is probably buried somewhere in Gallia County in an unmarked grave. A search of the Walnut area cemeteries has not uncovered any grave markers bearing the Dixon name. No further record has ever been found of the eight children born to Peter and his wife Lucy.

On September 29, 1830 Peter Dixon married "Polly" Mary Maguet in Gallia County, Ohio. The marriage is cited in County Marriage Book I, p. 94.

The Maguet family was one of the original French families who settled Gallipolis, Ohio, before the Revolutionary War, when the territory was under French rule. Peter Dixon and his wife soon left Gallia County, Ohio to join the Dixon family migration to Warren County, Indiana, which took place between 1830-1832.

The earliest record of Peter Dixon's residence in Warren County is contained in an affidavit he signed on December 22, 1834, in the Warren County Courts. This affidavit was in support of the Revolutionary War pension claim of his uncle, Peter Dixon, who also was a resident of Warren County at this time. The next record of the younger Peter Dixon is in 1836 when he, his father George, and his two brothers Henry and Jesse, voted in the county election. They voted at the polls which were located at Baltimore Hill. On April 28, 1837 Peter Dixon received from his father, George Dixon, the following land: "Part of the south half of the north-east fractional quarter of Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 10 West," etc. On August 17, 1849 Peter and his wife, Mary, deeded this land to his nephew, William M. Dixon, for \$300.00. This deed was recorded on June 11, 1850. After that date the place of residence and ultimate history of Peter and Mary Dixon are unknown. Peter was still living in 1851, as the "Summitville, Indiana" letter mentions him. He may have moved to the Summitville area, but no facts support this assumption. The date and place of the death of Peter and Mary Dixon is unknown. Also unknown is the place of their burial. It is not known whether Peter and Mary Dixon left any descendants.

Eunice Davis

Eunice Davis was born in 1789 at the Monroe County, Ohio, homestead.

The next record about her is in regards to her marriage. On January 25, 1806 a marriage bond was signed by Jacob Davis and Jno. H. Rollyson to bind the marriage of Jacob Davis and Eunice Dixon. This marriage bond is recorded in Monroe County, File No. 2, Jacket No. 638. Nothing more is known about Eunice until 1850. The 1850 U.S. Census for Madison County, Indiana, shows her living there in the home of Jack Reid (age 20) and his wife, Elizabeth (age 18). The last record of Eunice was the reference to her in the 1851 "Summitville, Indiana" letter to the War Department. The 1880 U.S. Census for the same county does not list Eunice Dixon Davis, nor the Reid family. Several "old timers" in Madison County in 1955 remember several Davis families that lived in the county years ago, but all trace of them has vanished.

Jesse Dixon

Jesse Dixon was born in 1794 in Monroe County, Virginia. He was twelve years old when his parents "went down the Kanawha". He apparently never forgot a Monroe County girl, or he went back to visit friends or family and fell in love. The records show on January 29, 1820 Jesse Dickeson (Dixon) and John Dickeson (Dixon) gave a marriage bond of \$150 for the marriage of Jesse Dickeson and Catharine Pence of Monroe County. This marriage bond is recorded in Monroe County, File No. 3, Jacket 2016. The marriage is also cited in the History of Monroe County, p. 391, in the records of the "Pence" family. The parents of Catharine Pence were Elizabeth (Tresler) Pence (1778-1865) and Jacob Pence (-1819). The Pence family arrived in Monroe County in 1818 and purchased the Estell place. Both the Tresler and Pence families were of German ancestry.

Nothing else is known about Jesse Dixon and wife until 1834 when

Jesse voted in Warren County, Indiana, along with his father and two brothers. The last record of Jesse Dixon was the mention of his name in the 1851 "Summitville, Indiana" letter. "Old Timers" in Madison County in 1955 recall a Dixon family once lived there many years ago, but none could recall what had happened to the family.

Henry Dixon

Henry Dixon was born in 1798 at the homestead in Monroe County, (W) Virginia on Little Wolf Creek. (The date and place of his birth are established by the 1880 U.S. Census, Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana, Family 81, Original Page 30, Whole Page 15½, Vol. 24. Also his grave marker gives his birth date as 1798). Henry was eight or nine years old when his family moved from Monroe County to Cabin Creek in Kanawha County, (W) Virginia.

While his parents, George and Voronica, were living on Cabin Creek, Henry Dixon married "Polly" Mary Massey (Massie, Massy). She was commonly called and known as Polly. According to the above cited 1880 U.S. Census report, the data shows Polly was born in 1798 in (W) Virginia. Her grave marker also gives 1798 as her birth. Henry and Polly Dixon were undoubtedly married sometime between 1815-1820. Efforts to locate a record of the marriage so far have failed.

Polly's parentage has not been established, but a Massey group lived on Little Wolf Creek near the Dixon Clan. It will be recalled George Dixon sold his lands to Jephtha Massey in 1806. Polly is known to have had at least one brother by the name of John ("Jim") Massey whose home was at Wheeling, West Virginia. All connections with the family have been lost.

Next occurs a large gap in the history of Henry and Polly Dixon other than the fact that they lived somewhere in (W) Virginia. During this period six children were born to them. All were born in (W) Virginia with the possible exception of the youngest, Isaac, who was probably born in Gallia County, Ohio, or Warren County, Indiana. Their children were Nancy Dixon born in 1820, William 1823, George 1825, Elsie (Also) Jane 1828, Katherine 1829 (?), and Isaac 1831.

Family tradition states that Henry and his family lived in or near Wheeling, West Virginia, for the period before they moved to Warren County, Indiana. A preliminary search of the County records in Wheeling has revealed no mention of our Dixon family. Any information concerning this period of their life is greatly needed.

The 1830 Census for Gallia County, Ohio, Walnut Township, shows Henry Dixon and family were living there at that time. Also his brother Peter Dixon and family were living in the same area, according to the census returns. Henry Dixon's family is shown in the Census as consisting of the following children: one girl under 5 years, one boy and one girl between 5 and 10, one boy between 10 and 15, and one girl 15 to 20. The number and sex of the children agrees with those of Henry's five children born before 1830, but the age range for the oldest girl is apparently wrong. The census also shows a female, age 30 to 40, which undoubtedly refers to Polly, the mother. A male between 70 and 80 years also is shown, and this is unquestionably George Dixon, father of Henry. One other male, age 40 to 50, is cited, whose identity is unknown. Since family tradition states Henry and family migrated from Wheeling to Warren County, Indiana, it may be that he had stopped enroute in Gallia County to join his brother, Peter, who lived

there, and who also migrated to Indiana.

The Dixon migration to Indiana included the three brothers - Henry, Jesse and Peter. Also their father, George Dixon, and the boys' unclo, Peter Dixon, made the trip westward. It is believed that all of them moved to Indiana between 1830 and 1832. Whether the families traveled together, or separately, is not known.

Family tradition states that the Henry Dixon family went by the way of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and then on to Warren County, Indiana. The only reason that appears for such a long detour enroute would be for the purpose of visiting close relatives. It is known that in 1806 Patrick Dixon went from Little Wolf Creek area to Montgomery County, Kentucky, of which Mt. Sterling is the county seat (See Monroe County, W. Virginia, Deed Book B, Page 96 and Deed Book B, Page 298). There is a good possibility that this Patrick Dixon may have been the father of George Dixon, or a close relative. A brief search of the Montgomery County records revealed no trace of the early Dixon family that settled there. Further investigation of the records there is warranted.

While Henry Dixon and family were at Mt. Sterling, they stopped at the home of Charles and Ruth Nickols. Henry's son, William, then just a lad, fell in love with the Nickols' daughter, Margaret Jane. When the Dixons left, young William promised Margaret Jane he would some day return and take her as his wife. This he did and the story will be told more fully in the history of William Dixon.

The Dixon family went from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, to a point south of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Apparently they stopped for a short time at the Dixon (relatives) homestead on Raccoon Creek, near Raccoon, Indiana, Putnam



County. This Dixon group had been established by Ebenezer Dixon and Henry L. Dixon, who had migrated to that location from Little Wolf Creek area. Our Henry Dixon family, however, soon moved on to Warren County, Indiana. The Dixons of Warren County and the Dixons of Putnam County visited "back and forth" for a couple of generations. The exact relationship between the members of each group is no longer known.

Henry Dixon homesteaded land in Warren County on June 23, 1832. It consisted of 40 acres located as follows: N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. one quarter, Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 9 West. Henry Dixon received from the United States Government Patent No. 16682 on June 8, 1833 for this land. He also filed for another 40 acres which was located as follows: S.W. one quarter, S.E. quarter, Township 20 North, Range 9 West. The record of Henry Dixon's homestead is contained in the Crawfordsville District Tract Book, Vol. 9, p. 40 and p. 42. The tract books for Indiana are now in the Land Office, Auditor's Department, State Capitol, Indianapolis, Indiana. These grants to Henry Dixon are also recorded in Crawfordsville District Tract Book, Vol. 4, on p. 1139 and p. 1141. On October 29, 1834 Henry Dixon added to his land by the purchase of property from Samuel Garrison. The land purchased was the East one-half of the North-west one quarter of Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 10 West. This property had been homesteaded by Garrison on August 28, 1834, the same day that George Dixon homesteaded his land. Henry and Polly deeded their land to their son, William, on March 5, 1850. They made their home with William until they both died.

Henry and Polly Dixon were both born in 1798, and both died in 1855 within one day of each other. Henry died September 24 and his beloved

wife September 25. Both are buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery. No record of any will made by either can be found by the Clerk of the Probate Court of Warren County.

To Henry and Polly Dixon were born three sons and three daughters. William (1823-1876) was the eldest son. A son named George (1826-1841) died just before his sixteenth birthday. The youngest son, Isaac (1831-1833) lived only two years. The three sons are buried in Foster-Dixon Cemetery with their parents. The three daughters were: Katherine (18 -18), Nancy (1820-1896), and Elsie (Alcy) Jane (1828-1894). The history of each of these children, as far as known, will be given in subsequent chapters.

Olive Dixon

Olive (Ollive) Dixon was born in 1800 in Monroe County, Virginia. She married Jack Stover, but no record has been found of the place or date of the marriage. The next bit of information about her comes in the 1850 U.S. Census for Madison County, Indiana. In this census survey it shows Olive, her husband Jack Stover, and six children living in Madison County. The children were Elijah 27, Gersay 16, Henry 12, Olive 9, Mary 6, Eunice 3. The close feeling she had for her one brother and two sisters is shown by the naming of her children - Henry, Olive, and Eunice. The U.S. Census shows that all the children of Jack and Olive were born in Virginia (now West Virginia). Therefore Olive and Jack apparently stayed in (W) Virginia until 1848 and then migrated to Madison County before 1850. The 1851 "Summitville, Indiana" letter shows she was living there at that time. What happened to all the children of Jack and Olive Stover is unknown, as no records have been found about them. Also the date of death of Jack and Olive and the place of

their burial is unknown. The 1880 U.S. Census for Madison County lists Joseph Stover, age 25, and William Stover, age 27, both born in Indiana. In 1955 some local residents of the county could recall these two Stovers and the fact that they died as bachelors. The relationship of these two Stovers to Olive and Jack is unknown.

Chapter IV

William Massey Dixon

William Massey Dixon was born on November 28, 1823. He was the son of Polly and Henry Dixon, the grandson of Veronica and George Dixon. According to family tradition William was born in or near Wheeling, (W) Virginia. A search for documentary evidence of the place of his birth and the place of the Henry Dixon residence in Wheeling (Ohio County) has, as yet, been without success. Proof that William Dixon was born in (W) Virginia is found in the 1870 U.S. Census report for Mound Township, Warren County, Indiana (Family 696, Original Page 93, Whole Page 332, Volume 40). This census report shows William Dixon's birthplace as (W) Virginia. Proof of the date of his birth is given on his grave marker in Foster-Dixon Cemetery.

Nothing is known of William's early childhood in Wheeling. He appears in the 1830 Census for Gallia County, Ohio where his parents apparently were temporarily located before their trip westward to Warren County, Indiana. William's father, Henry Dixon, homesteaded in Indiana in 1832, so the family either came with the father between 1830 and 1832, or the father returned to Gallia County, Ohio to get the family. It is known, however, that the father brought the family by wagon to Indiana by way of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. As previously stated, this long detour enroute was probably to visit close Dixon relatives in Mt. Sterling.

While at Mt. Sterling the Dixon family stayed at the home of Charles and Ruth Nickols. Young William, then just a lad, fell in love with Margaret Jane Nickols. William promised to return some day and take her as his wife. This he did in 1844. The Dixon family, after a short rest

in Mt. Sterling, moved on to Raccoon Creek, Putnam County, Indiana for a short visit with the Dixon relatives who had settled there. Henry Dixon and family, however, soon moved on to Warren County, Indiana where they established their permanent home.

In 1844 William returned to the Nickols' home in Mt. Sterling and, as he had promised, he claimed Margaret as his bride. William and Margaret left by horseback for Warren County, Indiana. They apparently stopped enroute at Greencastle, as they were married there on February 29, 1844, by Rev. J. B. Birt, minister of the Methodist E.P. Church in Greencastle, Indiana. The marriage is recorded in the Putnam County Court Marriage Records, Book A, Page 63. The Court Records show that Henry Dixon had given his written consent for William's marriage, as William lacked nine months of being 21 years old. Margaret Jane Nickols apparently stated she was 18 years old and of legal age (lacked only two months). The married couple made their home for the rest of their life in Mound Township, where William helped operate the family homelace farm. Eventually William and Margaret became owners of the family homelace.

Margaret Jane Nickols was born April 23, 1826 at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Margaret Jane lists herself as being born in Kentucky in the 1880 U.S. Census Report, Mound Township, Warren County (Fam. 23, Orig. page 5, Whole page 130A, Vol. 37). Margaret's parents, Charles and Ruth Nickols, moved sometime after Margaret's marriage to a farm a few miles south of Crawfordsville, Indiana, probably near Ladoga. Margaret had two brothers, "Jim" and "Bud" Nickols, both of whom died in Ladoga, Indiana. "Bud's" children were Manuel Nickols and Eva (Van Cleve). Eva Van Cleve had one daughter, Fern, who married a Burkett, and they had one son, "Bobby" Burkett.

This family was last known to live in Indianapolis. Margaret had three sisters. One was named "Lizz" and she married a Hester, and a child of their's is buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery. All trace of this family has been lost. Another sister, Emma, married a McKoever and was last known to be living in Cincinnati. Emma McKoever had at least three sons. Margaret's third sister, Fina, married a Grieder and then moved to the State of Washington, then on to British Columbia, Canada. She was known to have had children. The Dixons of Warren County and the Nickols of Ladoga visited "back and forth" for several decades.

To William and Margaret Jane Dixon were born nine children, four girls and five boys. The daughters were Ruth, Mahalia, Eva and Margaret. The sons were George, Charles, John Henry, William and Perry. William and Margaret also cared for Henry and Polly Dixon in their last years. Polly was confined to bed for her last seven or eight years of life because of rheumatism. Both Henry and Polly lost their vision before they died.

William Dixon became a large land holder in Mound Township. Henry and Polly Dixon willed certain of their property to their only surviving son, William. This deed was made on June 11, 1850 and was recorded June 11, 1850. During the preceding year Peter and Mary Dixon transferred their land, including that which they received from George Dixon, to William on August 17, 1849. William and Margaret procured in 1849, 1855, and 1865, from his three married sisters and their spouses, the part of the original Henry and Polly Dixon lands which were conveyed to them by their parents. Consequently, because of the inherited lands and other acquired lands, William and Margaret were owners of a large number of acres in Warren County.

William and Margaret were known as a very happily married couple.

Many family stories recount their great love and devotion to one another. William Dixon was a Charter member of the Mound Masonic Lodge, No. 274, State Line, Indiana, which was formed in 1861. William died on November 25, 1876. He is buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery.

The Last Will of William Dixon was made on the day before his death, November 24, 1876. The will is recorded in the Warren County Record of Deeds. It read: "I, William Dixon, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form of following: First: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margaret J. Dixon, all my real and personal property during her life and then what remains at her death to be equally divided among my seven surviving children, to wit: Ruth C. Martin, Eva J. Richey, Charles N. Dixon, John H. Dixon, William M. Dixon, Perry Dixon, and Mary J. Dixon.

I authorize and appoint my wife, Margaret J. Dixon, and Zachariah Clem my executors, and authorize and direct that they shall pay all my just debts if possible without selling any of the real estate of which I die seized. I request that my executors settle my estate without having to report to any court their proceedings in said estate.

(Signed) Wm. M. Dixon."

William died at age 53. He had been married to Margaret for 32 years. She inherited all the land which William owned and continued to live on it for the remaining 28 years of her life. Here she raised her family of seven surviving children.

Stories relate how Margaret would travel by wagon once each year to Cincinnati, Ohio, to purchase clothes, food, and other goods for the

family, as well as supplies for the farm. She apparently was a very graceful and an aristocratic person. She was loved by all members of her family, other relatives, and the people of the community.

Margaret Jane died on January 4, 1904, at the age of 77 years, 8 months, 7 days. She is buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery with her husband. The original log house in which the family had lived so long was completely destroyed by fire in April 1904 about three months after Margaret's death. Among the family records which were destroyed was a very old family Bible which contained a record of the births and deaths of the Dixon family for many generations.

Chapter V

Nancy, Elsie Jane, and Katherine Dixon

Henry and Polly had three daughters in addition to the sons William, Isaac and George (See Chapter III). The daughters were Nancy, Elsie Jane and Katherine Luman. Nancy was the oldest child of Henry and Polly and was born on June 17, 1820 somewhere in (W) Virginia. Elsie (Alcy) Jane was born on April 7, 1828 and her birth place was also (W) Virginia. Katherine was born in 1829. Katherine was either born in (W) Virginia or Gallia County, Ohio.

Nancy Dixon Clem

Nancy Dixon married Samuel Clem on October 12, 1842 in Warren County, Indiana. They were married by Rev. Josiah J. Cooper. The marriage is recorded in the Warren County Marriage Book No. 2, Page 315. Samuel Clem was the son of Henry and Isabella (Hancock) Clem, who also lived in Warren County, Indiana. Samuel Clem was born on February 27, 1819 in Butler County, Ohio. Nancy and Samuel made their life residence in Warren County. Samuel died October 15, 1894 and Nancy died January 27, 1896. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Warren County, Indiana. The following list of their nine children, and some of the children's descendants, was provided by Mrs. Roy Himmelright of Covington, Indiana.

1. Martha Clem, married John W. Adams.
2. Mary Clem (11-27-1847 to 8-9-1903), married Edmond W. Adams, born 4-6-1844. Both are buried in Masonic Cemetery.
3. Isabella Clem (1-28-1849 to 9-22-1932), married George Bowman (9-26-1849 to 8-16-1904). Both are buried in Masonic Cemetery.
4. Melvina Clem (2-16-1851 to 12-6-1916), married Edward Wyatt Adams (4-6-1844 to 12-2-1904). Both are buried in Masonic

- Cemetery. Edmond and Edward W. Adams were twins.
5. Rulana Clem (1853-1942), married 1st James Ratcliff;
2nd _____ Bittle. She is buried in Masonic Cemetery.
 6. William H. Clem (2-18-1855 to 2-21-1914), married 1st to
Sarah _____ (1853-1875); 2nd Mary Price, born in 1859.
All three are buried in Masonic Cemetery.
 7. Catherine Clem, married John Gahan.
 8. Finette Clem, married _____ Ratcliff.
 9. George Clem, married 1st Belle Moudy; 2nd Dochia
Sheets (1857-1930).

Elsie Jane Dixon Clem

Elsie Jane Dixon married Zachariah Clem on April 27, 1843 in Warren County, Indiana. The marriage is recorded in the Warren County Marriage Book No. 2, Page 354. Zachariah Clem was born April 22, 1821 in Butler County, Ohio. He was a brother of Samuel Clem who married Elsie's sister, Nancy. They made their home in Warren County, Indiana during their life time. They had fourteen children, of which two died in infancy. Elsie Jane died October 10, 1894 and Zachariah died August 26, 1898. Both are buried in Upper Mound Cemetery, Warren County, Indiana. The following list of Elsie and Zachariah's children and subsequent descendants was furnished by Mrs. Roy Himmelright of Covington, Indiana:

1. Phoebe Clem (3-5-1844 to 8-11-1906) married to Absolom Miller (4-11-1842 to 8-16-1910). Both buried in Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children were:
 - (1) Hettie Miller, d. 5-7-1885.
 - (2) Elijah Miller, d. 1-24-1882.
 - (3) Dinah Miller, d. 7-1874, age 3 yrs. 8 mos. 16 da.
 - (4) Charles Miller, d. 12-17-1874, age 2 yrs.
 - (5) Robert Lee Miller, (1867-1895), m. Croffy Henderson.
 - (6) Zachariah Miller, (1867- ?), twin of Robert Lee.
 - (7) Miney Miller, twin of Dinah, m. Wm. Olehy.
 - (8) Zetta Miller, m. Cyrus Romine in 1906.
 - (9) Ebb (Elba) Miller (1878-1947), m. Frank Fulton.
 - (10) W. T. Miller (7-21-1872 to 7-7-1936), m. 1st Ella Adams; 2nd _____ Byroads.

2. Peter Clem (11-5-1844 to 8-30-1906) married in 1864 to Phoebe Kitchen (9-26-1845 to 5-7-1923). Both buried in Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
 - (1) Albert Clem, b. 9-10-1870; m. Josephine Dennis.
 - (2) Augustus Clem (10-11-1869); m. 1st Lloyd Cunningham; 2nd Effie _____.
 - (3) Anna Clem, m. 1st J. I. Cunningham; 2nd James DeNeal; 3rd Samuel Adams.
 - (4) Grace Clem, m. Ebon Watson on 12-23-1895.
 - (5) Maggie Clem, (4-21-1882 to 7-6-1913), m. Robert Smith.
 - (6) Melvin Clem, b. 1-5-1885; m. Marjorie Dove.
 - (7) Etta Clem, b. 10-20-1865; m. W. O. Cunningham.
3. Polly Ann Clem (1847-1882) married George Lape in 1871. Both are buried at Gopher Hill. Their children:
 - (1) Nancy Lape (1872-1951); m. Frank E. Black (1869-1928).
 - (2) Charles Lape, m. Bessie Rodgers, dau. of Tom Rodgers.
 - (3) Albert Lape, d. 10-19-1879, age 1 yr. 4 da.
 - (4) Mariah Lape, d. 1-14-1873, age 11 mos. 27 da.
4. Alfred Clem (1849 to 1-13-1895); married on 8-16-1871 to Mary Ellen Watson. Both are buried at Gopher Hill Cemetery. Their children:
 - (1) Charles Zach. Clem, d. 3-7-1883, age 2 yr. 21 da.
 - (2) Dolly Clem, d. 7-29-1874, age 2 yr. 1 mo. 3 da.
 - (3) Henrietta Clem, d. 9-17-1877, age 3 yr. 2 mo. 4 da.
 - (4) Rosa Bell Clem (9-10-1873 to 9-2-1895); m. William Mack Taylor.
 - (5) Hattie G. Clem (1884-1920); m. Otis Henderson.
 - (6) Effie Clem (3-13-1879 to 2-12-1939); m. Ed. Fulton.
 - (7) Maude Clem, m. Pete Anderson.
 - (8) Goldie Clem, m. ?
 - (9) Myrtle, b. 12-17-1894; m. Wm. B. Hunter on 2-2-1914.
5. Albert Clem, (1849-1890), twin of Alfred; married Sarah Catherine Ritchey on 8-31-1872. Their children:
 - (1) Zachariah Clem (8-5-1873 to 7-7-1953); m. Ada Galyean (7-8-1878 to 1-13-1938).
 - (2) Daniel Voorhees Clem (6-6-1875 to 8-10-1948); m. 1st Josephine Ballah (1873-1916); 2nd Mable McElwce.
 - (3) Homer S. Clem (4-13-1878 to 11-9-1939); m. Iva Zane (5-4-1882 to 1-11-1952).
 - (4) Harvey R. Clem (7-22-1881 to 6-16-1938); m. 9-10-1903 to Grace Dixon b. (7-19-1884 to _____).
6. Mariah Clem (1852 to 10-31-1923) married John Martin. She

is buried at Okmulgee, Okla. Their children:

- (1) Bert Martin, m. 1st Mary _____ of Danville, Ill., 2nd _____, 3rd _____. Living in Calif. in 1955.
 - (2) Goldie Martin, married. Lived in Texas.
7. Nancy Clem (1854-1927) married 8-18-1872 to George Miller, (1852-1890). Both are buried at Gopher Hill Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Ida Miller b. 4-21-1876; m. 1st John Taylor; 2nd _____; 3rd _____ Clayton.
 - (2) Bessie (Elvessie) Miller b. 1880; m. Edward Murphy, b. 1875.
 - (3) Louis Miller, b. 1874; m. Minnie Albea.
 - (4) Jessie Miller, b. 7-10-1884; m. 7-13-1902 to Charles W. Gilman b. 1879. Both are still living in Minnesota. Charles W. Gilman is a Methodist minister. They have a daughter, Beulah.
 - (5) Mort M. Miller, b. June 1890; m. to Mable Lucas. Both living, 1955. They have a son, James Miller.
8. Welcome Ann Clem, (10-26-1857 to 2-14-1944); married 12-23-1876 to Jacob Sisk (6-7-1850 to 10-5-1941). They are buried at Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Dora W. Sisk, b. 10-26-1877; m. on 9-18-1904 to Maude Ricketts, b. 10-14-1885. They are living in Stato Line, Ind.
 - (2) Charles Sisk, b. 9-10-1881; m. on 9-3-1902 to Emma Ohl Meharry Clapp. They are living in State Line, Ind.
 - (3) Mollie Sisk, b. 12-18-1882; m. 1st Charles Myers (? to 5-18-1931); 2nd _____ Spooner.
 - (4) Lavinia Sisk, b. 7-8-1884; m. 5-6-1905 to John Lewis Cavanaugh (1873-1948).
9. Charles W. Clem (10-26-1858 to 8-26-1927); married Charlotte W. Murphy (1-1-1855 to 7-30-1893). She is buried at Baltimore Cemetery, Warren County, Ind. He is buried at Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Viola Clem, b. 11-11-1882; m. on 2-17-1904 to Arthur R. Jones, b. 10-30-1883. Both are living in Mound Twp. They have one daughter, Helen, who married Raymond Ricketts. He died in 1949; is buried at Lower Mound Cemetery in Vermilion County, Ind. Helen lives with her parents and teaches school in Covington, Ind.
 - (2) Ernest Clem died in 1884.
 - (3) Sarah Jane Clem, b. 8-8-1885; m. 1-14-1906 to Harry L. Tillotson. Sarah Jane (Clem) Tillotson is living with her sister, Mrs. Arthur R. Jones.
 - (4) and (5) Twins were born and died on 12-13-1887.

- (6) Alma Myrtle Clem, b. 2-9-1890; m. 11-2-1908 to J. W. Tillotson, brother of Harry Tillotson. Alma Myrtle (Clem) Tillotson is living.

The above named Charles W. Clem was married a 2nd time 11-29-1894 to Sarah Catherine (Ritchey) Clem, widow of Albert Clem. He was a brother of Charles W. Clem. Their children:

- (1) Charles Porter Clom (9-12-1895 to 1931); m. 12-24-1912 to Iva High, b. 7-9-1895.
10. Rosa Belle Clem (10-1-1860 to 11-22-1936); married on 9-18-1883 to Robert B. Moudy (5-11-1861 to 6-17-1927). Both are buried at Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Charles C. Moudy (12-24-1885 to 3-19-1892).
(2) Marley B. Moudy (12-13-1887 to 9-24-1888).
(3) Zachariah H. Moudy (12-13-1891 to 6-3-1892).
(4) Vera G. Moudy (12-17-1897 to 2-14-1898).
(5) Ernest A. Moudy, b. 10-9-1889; m. Iva Gouty. They are living in Mound Twp.
(6) Claude Moudy (1894-1947); m. Bertha Gouty.
11. Ruth Clem (7-12-1862 to 1954); married in 1882 to Jacob Lape (5-1-1856 to 1-24-1931). They are buried at Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Minnie Lape (1882-1934); m. Harley Gouty.
(2) Lula Lape (1883-1907); m. Wilbur Meade (1882-1922).
(3) Elsie Jane (Jonnie) Lape; m. 1-11-1905 to Marion Gouty.
(4) Etta Lape, b. 7-12-1888; m. Ezra Gouty.
(5) Jerome Lape, b. 1891; m. 1st Mable Adams; 2nd Thelma Glover.
(6) Ethel Lape (1892 to 2-5-1920); m. Albert Galloway.
12. John Henry Clem (3-25-1866 to 1-23-1929); married Mary A. Murphy (1867 to 12-19-1946). Both are buried at Upper Mound Cemetery. Their children:
- (1) Zachariah Clem, d. 12-31-1887, age 2 mos. 26 da.
(2) Thomas Clem, d. 1900.
(3) Leona Clem, b. 1896; d. age 6 mos.
(4) Zachariah Clem (1896 to 1901).

Katherine Dixon

Katherine (Catherine) Dixon married "Jim" Lieuman (Luman) of Boone County, Indiana on February 23, 1837 in Warren County, Indiana. The marriage is recorded in Marriage Book #1, Page 180-181. The marriage was performed by Probate Judge John B. King. Soon after her marriage Katherine

Jim moved to Fremont, Iowa, Mahaska County about 1876. Katherine Dixon was born in 1818 in Warren County, Indiana. David "Jim" Lieuman was born _____. He died in 1897 and is buried in Fremont, Iowa. After Jim's death, Katherine returned to Warren County, Indiana for a visit with her family. While there she became ill at the home of Ann Clem Sisks, but she recovered and returned to Iowa. Katherine died _____, and is buried in Fremont, Iowa. Katherine and Jim had one daughter and one son, according to present knowledge. Their children:

1. Cynthia Lieuman (1856-1916). Married William J. Cheeyman, Jr. (1853-1922). They owned a farm in Vermillion County, Indiana, near Howard Chapel, which farm was purchased in 1936 by W. C. Haskins. Their children were:
 - (1) Goldie Cheeyman, dau., mar. Pearl Keller (1886-1940).
(a) Pearl Koller, Jr.
 - (2) Bossie Cheeyman, mar. Robert Harris (1887-1923). Buried Lower Mound.
 - (3) Harry W. Cheeyman (1875-1878).
 - (4) Naudie D. Cheeyman (1880-1888).
 - (5) Helen Cheeyman (1887-).
 - (6) Mary Cheeyman (1893-1894). Buried at Upper Mound.
2. James Lieuman (1855-1935). Married Mary (Mollie) Lape (1859-1947). Both are buried in Lower Mound. Their children:
 - (1) Neely Lieuman, dau. (1885-). Married Ed Gouty.
He is buried at Lower Mound.
 - (2) Charles Lieuman (1887-). He lives in Mattoon, Ill.
 - (3) Faith Lieuman (1889-). Married _____ Anderson.
 - (4) Louis Lieuman (1890-). Killed in an accident. Buried in Illinois.

Much of the above information was given by Viola Jones, and to whom the writer is grateful for the information.

Chapter VI

Mahalia, George, and William Massey Dixon

William and Margaret Dixon had nine children. There were five boys and four girls. The boys were George, William, Perry, John Henry and Charles N. The girls were Mahalia, Ruth C., Eva Jane and Josephine. All the children were born on the Dixon homeplace northwest of Foster, Indiana. Mahalia, George and William Massey Dixon left no descendants and their histories will be presented in this Chapter. All the other six children had descendants and their histories will be presented individually in the following chapters.

Mahalia Dixon

Mahalia, a daughter, was born on December 25, 1848, and died on February 27, 1854, at the age of 5 years, 3 months and two days. She is buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery with her parents, William and Margaret Dixon. The cause of her death is not known.

George Dixon

A son, George Dixon, was born November 5, 1850, and died October 10, 1865. He was killed by a horse. At the time of his death he was 14 years, 11 months and 5 days old. He is also buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery near his parents and sister Mahalia.

William Massey Dixon

William Massey Dixon was born on February 2, 1865, on the home place of his parents, William and Margaret Dixon. William attended the local schools and then joined in helping operate the home farm. He spent his entire life on the homeplace as a farmer. William never married. He died on December 4, 1934, and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Kent Township, Warren County, Indiana.

Chapter VII

Perry Commodore Dixon

Perry Commodore Dixon was born on the homeplace in Mound Township, Warren County, on February 10, 1869. He married Mary Ann Garrison on September 7, 1898. The wedding took place at the bride's home in Kent Township, Warren County. Mary Ann was born on January 25, 1881, in Warren County, a daughter of Zephariah Garrison and wife, Rose Anna (Wagner) Garrison. Perry and Mary lived all their married life on the homeplace where they managed the farm. They had one daughter, Myrtle Mae Dixon. Perry Dixon died on December 24, 1948, and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Kent Township, Warren County, Indiana. After her husband's death, Mary continued to live on the old homeplace. Their child:

1. Myrtle Mae Dixon was born June 4, 1899. She married Lawrence Floyd Vickery on December 20, 1923, in Vermillion County, Indiana. Lawrence was born on April 9, 1896, in Fountain County, Indiana, the son of Charles and Lenora (Stambaugh) Vickery. Myrtle and Lawrence have lived in Mound Township for most of their married life where Lawrence has been engaged in farming.

Chapter VIII

John Henry Dixon and Descendants

John Henry Dixon, son of William and Margaret Dixon, was born on the homeplace on June 9, 1861. On December 21, 1882, he married Nancy Ricketts at Covington, Indiana. The marriage is recorded in Fountain County Marriage Book, Vol. 8, Page 548. Nancy Ricketts was born on May 10, 1865. She was the daughter of Jacob Ricketts (1826-1910) and Melissa (Barnard) Ricketts (1843-1924) who lived in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. John Henry and Nancy Dixon lived during their married life on portions of the original Dixon homestead. After Margaret Jane Dixon's death, John Henry received in 1904 by Will the east 40 acres. John Henry and Nancy lived on this parcel of land during their lifetimes and there reared their family of six children. They had four boys: Mont, Robert, Ival and Paul Dixon. Their two daughters: Grace Gertrude and Della Marget Dixon. Nancy died on March 6, 1937, and John Henry died on January 21, 1943. Both are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Indiana. All their children were married and each one will be considered individually.

1. Grace Gertrude Dixon

Grace Gertrude Dixon was born on December 6, 1884. She married Harve Ritchey Clem on September 10, 1903, at Danville, Illinois. Harve was born on July 22, 1881, in Warren County, Indiana, the son of Albert and Sarah Cathern (Ritchey) Clem of Warren County. Grace and Harve Clem owned and operated a farm during their married life. It was located about one-half mile north of Foster, Indiana. They had no children but reared from early childhood a nephew, Roy Lincoln Dixon, son of Mont Dixon. Harve Clem died

on June 16, 1938, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Indiana. Grace Clem moved to Covington, Indiana, on October 10, 1946, and now lives there.

2. Robert Dixon and Descendants

Robert (Rob) Dixon was born on the Dixon homestead located northwest of Foster, Ind. on September 20, 1889. He married Emmeline (Emma) Strawser on April 15, 1914, at Danville, Illinois. Emmeline was the daughter of James and Amanda Frances (Sanders) Strawser. Emmeline was born on May 28, 1896, in Vermillion County, Indiana. During their married life Robert and Emmeline have lived around Foster, Indiana, except for a few years' residence in Danville, Illinois. Robert Dixon was employed until retirement at the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Shops at Danville. Robert Dixon and his wife have always been very active in the affairs of Benson Chapel. Their four children are:

1. Robert Earl Dixon, born March 25, 1915, Warren County, Ind. Married Doris Lucille Vest, January 7, 1939, at Covington, Ind. Marriage terminated May 15, 1948, at Danville, Ill. They had two daughters:

- (1) Sondra Jean Dixon, b. Aug. 30, 1940, at Danville, Ill.
 - (2) Beverly Joanne Dixon, b. March 8, 1946, Danville, Ill.
- These two girls now live in Dexter, New Mexico.

Married Zattle Elnoretta Elliot, b. June 6, 1924, at Danville, Ill. on May 21, 1948. They have twin girls:

- (1) Patricia Karen Dixon, b. Feb. 5, 1949, at Danville, Ill.
- (2) Pamela Kay Dixon, b. Feb. 5, 1949, at Danville, Ill.

2. Thelma Margaret Dixon, born May 26, 1919, Warren County, Ind. Graduated Covington High School, 1937. Married Effray Hardin, April 28, 1940. Effray was born Aug. 5, 1918, son of Ralph Thayne and Olive Beryl Hardin of Covington, Ind. Thelma and Effray live in Covington, Ind. They have one son:
 - (1) Allen Wayne Hardin, b. Nov. 18, 1943, at Danville, Ill.



3. Ruth Froneis Dixon, born September 3, 1925, Warren County, Ind. Graduated Covington High School, 1943. Married Russel Carl Davon, June 6, 1943 at Benson Chapel. Russel was born January 31, 1932, Vermillion County, Oll. Ruth and Russel are engaged in farming near Covington, Ind. They have two children:
 - (1) Janie Dell Davon, b. Aug. 15, 1950, Danville, Ill.
 - (2) Joseph Carter Davon, b. Mar. 17, 1955, Danville, Ill.
4. Lowell Edward Dixon, born January 12, 1931, Warren County, Ind. Graduated from Covington High School, 1948. Volunteered for duty in 1950 in U.S. Air Force and served four years in U.S.A. and Japan. Service Number 16348732. Discharged Dec. 26, 1954, with rank of Staff Sergeant. Married Marilyn Sue Adkins, Jan. 9, 1955 at Benson Chapel. Marilyn was born Feb. 10, 1933, daughter of Clarence Edward and Elva Mae (Murphy) Adkins of Warren County, Ind. Lowell and Marilyn live near Covington, Ind.

3. Mont Dixon and Descendants

Mont Dixon was born March 7, 1888, Warren County, Indiana. He married Maud Littleton of Moorehead, Ky., December 24, 1910, at Danville, Ill. Maud was the daughter of Sam and _____ Littleton. Maud died November 8, 1915 of typhoid fever. She is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Ind. They had one son:

1. Roy Lincoln Dixon, born April 2, 1913, Warren County, Ind. Attended Covington High School. After Maud's death, Roy Lincoln was reared by his aunt and uncle, Grace and Harve Clem. Married Eileen McMahon on October 28, 1933, at Danville, Ill. Marriage terminated January 22, 1946, Warren County, Ind. They had one child:
 - (1) Gracie Joan Dixon, b. July 22, 1934, Warren County, Ind. Married Teddy Norman Blankenship on July 3, 1954 at Denison, Texas. Teddy was born Dec. 4, 1933, son of Oscar Glenn Blankenship and Minnie Nae (Smith) Blankenship of Denison, Texas. They have one son:
 - a. Roy Lynn Blankenship, b. May 1, 1955, at Denison, Texas.

Roy Dixon married Alice Ruth Ramsey at Tilton, Ill., December 24, 1948. Alice was born July 29, 1917, daughter of George Marion Ramsey and Anna Parker Mullen Ramsey. Roy and Alice Dixon live near Covington, Ind.

Mont Dixon married, after the death of his first wife, Mary Lovett (8-5-1885

to _____). They were married November 6, 1921 at Terre Haute, Ind. Mont engaged in farming until 1946 when he moved to Covington, Ind, where he now manages his properties.

4. Della Marget Dixon and Descendants

Della Marget Dixon was born in the Dixon family log cabin on the original Dixon homestead on December 18, 1886. Later in childhood she moved with the family to the east 40 acres where her father, John Henry Dixon, had built a new home. She married Arthur Orville (Orval) Ramsey on February 9, 1907, at Danville, Illinois. Arthur was born June 1, 1888, son of Thomas Ramsey and Margaret Jane (White) Ramsey of Warren County. Both Della and Arthur Ramsey graduated from Moody Bible Institute and Bonebrake Theological Seminary. Both were ordained ministers. Della Ramsey died November 29, 1941 at Peoria, Ill., and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Ind. Arthur Ramsey still lives in Peoria, Ill. Della and Arthur had one son and one daughter.

1. Glenn Virgil Ramsey, born January 11, 1910, Warren County, Ind. Graduated from Lawrenceville, Ill. High School in 1928. Received A.B. degree from Indiana Central College in 1932; received M.A. degree from University of Illinois, 1937; received D.Ed. degree from Indiana University in 1940. Served four years in U.S. Army, Medical Corps, as clinical psychologist in World War II. Assigned in U.S.A., Europe, Southwest Pacific, Philippines, and Japan. Service numbers 15105280 and O-927953. Discharged April 23, 1946 with rank of 1st Lieutenant. Married Thelma Sprague, September 2, 1940, and marriage was terminated July, 1946 at Columbus, Ohio. Associate Professor at Princeton University 1946-1948. Full Professor of Psychology, University of Texas, 1949-1950. Published numerous research articles and three books. Married Mary Gordon Steiner, July 5, 1947, at Summit, N. Jersey. Mary Gordon was born December 13, 1911, Plainfield, N. J., daughter of Carl Albert Steiner and Emily Lawrence (Winant) Steiner. She graduated from Smith College in 1933. They have two adopted children:
 - (1) Scott Dixon Ramsey, b. Feb. 16, 1950, Austin, Texas.
 - (2) Kim Erika Ramsey, b. Feb. 5, 1954, Freiburg, Germany.

2. Mary Margaret Ramsey, born January 5, 1913, Danville, Ill. Graduated from Peoria, Illinois, High School in 1931, received A.B. degree from the University of Illinois in 1935. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Married Paul Graham, June 30, 1936, in Peoria, Illinois. Paul was born April 2, 1912, in Peoria County, Illinois, son of Lester and Jessie Graham. Paul and Margaret live in Peoria, Ill. They have one daughter:
(1) Nancy Jane Graham, b. Jan. 29, 1938, Peoria, Ill.

5. Ival Forrest Dixon and Descendants

Ival Forrest Dixon was born July 17, 1896 in Warren County, Ind. He married Hester Ellen Shuman on February 24, 1916, at Danville, Ill. Hester was born June 28, 1895 at Danville, Ill., daughter of Robert Alvin Shuman and Martha Ellen (McFerson) Shuman. Ival and Hester's principal home has always been Foster, Indiana, but Ival's work as a construction foreman has taken him, at times, from place to place. Ival and Hester had two sons and one daughter:

1. Ward Wesley Dixon, born January 1, 1917, Warren County, Ind. Attended Covington High School. Married Rosalie Mendenhall, June 3, 1939, at Covington, Ind. Marriage terminated June 30, 1950 at Danville, Ill. They had one son:
(1) Ward Wesley Dixon, Jr., b. May 21, 1941. This son lives at 332½ Firmin Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ward Wesley Dixon married Mary Jane Swisher on February 8, 1952 at Danville, Ill. They live at 510 Conn Street, Gary, Ind. They have no children.

2. Dale Dixon, born January 8, 1919, in Warren County. Married Grace Cravens on June 16, 1938, at Perrysville, Ind. Grace was born October 15, 1919 at Worden, Ill., daughter of Benjamin Franklin Cravens and Evelyn (Tipsword) Cravens. Dale and Grace live in Gary, Indiana. They have three children:
(1) Judith Ann Dixon, b. Jan. 21, 1940, Danville, Ill.
(2) Dennis Dale Dixon, b. April 12, 1945, Gary, Ind.
(3) Winifred Elaine Dixon, b. Mar. 24, 1949, Gary, Ind.
3. Betty Lou Dixon was born May 4, 1927 in Warren County, Ind. Attended Covington High School. Married Robert Vernon Hilton on September 3, 1947, at Danville, Ill. Robert was born April 21, 1920 at Tilton, Ill., son of Charles and Lela Hilton. Betty and Robert

live at Tilton, Ill. They have one daughter:

- (1) Susan Hilton, b. July 6, 1948 at Danville, Ill.

6. Paul Dixon and Descendants

Paul Dixon was born September 16, 1903, in Warren County, Ind. Attended Covington High School. He married Ada Goff on August 30, 1930 at Danville, Ill. Ada was born December 1, 1907 at Robinson, Ill., daughter of Mabery Goff and Acquilla (Thorp) Goff. Paul and Ada have lived most of their married life on the east 40 acres on which John Henry Dixon lived. They have had two children:

1. Harvey Gene Dixon, born February 9, 1933, Warren County, Ind. Entered U.S. Army April 29, 1953 and served in U.S.A. and France until April 29, 1955. Serial number 55384768.
2. Helen Sue Dixon, December 15, 1945-March 7, 1946. Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Ind.

Chapter IX

Charles Augustus Dixon and Descendants

Charles Augustus Dixon was born June 14, 1855, on the homeplace in Warren County, Indiana. He married Mary Catherine Talbert at Danville, Illinois, on January 12, 1880. Mary was born April 9, 1859, at Onarga, Illinois, a daughter of Horatio and Sarah (Gouty) Talbert of Warren County, Indiana. They had eight children, all born in Warren County, Indiana. Charles died February 16, 1924, at Danville, Illinois. Mary died September 19, 1927, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Both are buried at West Lebanon Cemetery, West Lebanon, Indiana. Their eight children were Charles David, Horatio Albert, Flora Foster, Harry Logan, William Harvey, Goldie Earl, Walter Ivan, and Scott Thomas. Each will be considered separately.

1. Charles David Dixon

Charles David Dixon was born June 5, 1881, and died November 16, 1881. He is buried in Upper Mound, Warren County, Indiana.

2. Horatio Albert Dixon

Horatio Albert Dixon was born December 11, 1882, and died on February 20, 1920, at Shamrock, Oklahoma. He is buried in West Lebanon Cemetery, West Lebanon, Indiana. He was married three times and had no children.

3. Flora Foster Dixon and Descendants

Flora Foster Dixon was born July 11, 1885. She married Ottis E.

Hobaugh at West Lebanon, Indiana, on August 4, 1907. Ottis was born February 9, 1888, in Tippicanoe County, Indiana. Ottis died on December 12, 1941, at West Lebanon, Indiana, and is buried in West Lebanon Cemetery.

Flora still lives in West Lebanon. Their six children:

1. M. Louise Hobaugh, born July 14, 1908, West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Paul A. Williams at Lafayette, Indiana, April 17, 1937. They now live at 4208 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, Kentucky.
2. Earl H. Hobaugh, born February 17, 1911, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Died May 2, 1913, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Buried West Lebanon Cemetery.
3. Gladys E. Hobaugh, born March 9, 1915, West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Raymond Odle at Colfax, Indiana, on September 24, 1938. Address: R.R. 1, West Lebanon, Indiana. Their child:
(1) Harold I. Odle, born March 6, 1940, Williamsport, Indiana.
4. Walter H. Hobaugh, born April 19, 1920, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Elsie I. Jones on July 5, 1952, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Address: R.R. 1, West Lebanon, Indiana.
5. Scott K. Hobaugh, born November 7, 1922, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Helen E. Hicks, February 9, 1943, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Address: 6302 East 149th Street, Grandview, Missouri. Their two sons:
(1) Stephen S. Hobaugh, born August 25, 1944, Coffeyville, Kansas.
(2) David E. Hobaugh, born March 6, 1948, Leavenworth, Kansas.
6. Ottis E. Hobaugh, Jr., born October 16, 1925, at West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Alice Sicks, July 4, 1953, at Peoria, Illinois. They live at 3520 S. Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, Florida.

4. Harry Logan Dixon and Descendants

Harry Logan Dixon was born December 18, 1887, in Warren County, Indiana. He married Ada L. Rund at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on February 24, 1914. Ada was born September 20, 1884, in Boone County, Indiana, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Peters) Rund. Harry and Ada Dixon first lived in West Lebanon, then moved to Danville, Illinois where he worked for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad until his retirement in 1955. Harry and Ada

Dixon live at 120 N. Gilbert Street, Danville, Illinois. Their four children are:

1. Margaret E. Dixon, born March 21, 1915, West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Dale W. Jameson August 5, 1946, at Danville, Illinois. Margaret died February 20, 1950, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Danville, Illinois. The husband and two sons live in Milford, Illinois. The children:
 - (1) David W. Jameson, born July 3, 1947, Danville
 - (2) Larry R. Jameson, born March 9, 1949, Danville
2. Mary Katherine Dixon, born February 26, 1917, West Lebanon, Indiana. Married Charles A. Swank of Danville, Illinois, July 24, 1945, at Washington, D. C. They live at 81 S. Avery Street, Pontiac, Michigan. Their three daughters are:
 - (1) Susan Katherine Swank, born April 29, 1947, Pontiac
 - (2) Kathy Ann Swank, born January 1, 1949, Pontiac
 - (3) Karen Margaret Rose Swank, born April 9, 1950, Pontiac
3. Helen Lucille Dixon, born June 1, 1918, West Lebanon, Indiana. Married John Berger on December 31, 1938, at Danville, Illinois. They live with their four children near Covington, Indiana, R.R. 2. Their children are:
 - (1) Marsha Ann Berger, born October 1, 1941, Danville, Ill.
 - (2) Richard Wayne Berger, born April 5, 1948, Danville, Ill.
 - (3) Byron Lee Berger, born August 26, 1951, Danville, Ill.
 - (4) Beverly Lou Berger, born August 18, 1954, Danville, Ill.
4. Robert Wayne Dixon, born September 9, 1924, Danville, Illinois. Married Reva Mae Kravel on October 5, 1947, at Champaign, Illinois. Reva was born December 17, 1928, at Danville, Illinois, the daughter of Albert and Goldie Kravel. Robert and Reva live at 210 Grace Street, Danville, Illinois. Their two children are:
 - (1) Cinda Lou Dixon, born February 10, 1949, Danville, Ill.
 - (2) Gale Lynn Dixon, born November 8, 1953, Danville, Ill.

5. William Harvey Dixon and Descendants

William Harvey Dixon was born on December 27, 1889. He married Bessie McGehee, January 26, 1910, at Ravie, Oklahoma. Bessie died September 9, 1917, at Purcell, Okla. The second marriage was to Laura L. Hembrow, February 10, 1920, at Bristow, Okla. They live at 416 S. Keystone, Stafford, Kansas. The son of William Harvey and Laura Dixon:



1. Charles Myrle Dixon, born December 1, 1910 at Rosedale, Okla. Married Agnes Elliott Sayles, August 31, 1932 at Billings, Mont. They now live at 901 Hibbard, Great Bend, Kansas. Their two daughters:
 - (1) Rose Louise Dixon, b. April 20, 1934 at Meeteetoe, Wyo.
 - (2) Dorothy Marie Dixon, b. Oct. 27, 1938 at Cody, Wyo.

6. Goldie Earl Dixon and Descendants

Goldie Earl Dixon was born November 28, 1892. He married Leo McBride on March 18, 1914 at Paul's Valley, Okla. Marriage terminated in 1916 at Oklahoma City, Okla. Second marriage to Ethel M. Lewis on August 17, 1922 at Pawhuska, Okla. Ethel was born May 21, 1905 at Thomasville, Mo. Goldie and Ethel live at Chase, Kansas. Their children:

1. Harry Otis Dixon, born May 18, 1915 at Rosedale, Okla.
2. Flora Joan Dixon, born October 2, 1924 at Webb City, Okla. Married Archie Woodson Samuels on Oct. 5, 1946 at Wichita, Kansas. Archie was born Sept. 21, 1922 at Eureka, Kansas. Their children:
 - (1) Allan Wayne Samuels, born Mar. 6, 1948 at Lyons, Kansas.
 - (2) Robert Douglas Samuels, born Feb. 8, 1950 at Lyons, Kansas.
 - (3) Geraldine Kay Samuels, born Mar. 5, 1952 at Lyons, Kansas.
3. Glenn Edward Dixon, born December 4, 1925 at Webb City, Okla. Married Gloria A. Pulliam on December 7, 1946 at Great Bend, Kan. Gloria was born August 5, 1928 at Osage, Okla. Their children:
 - (1) Glenn Earl Dixon, born March 23, 1949 at Jennings, La.
 - (2) John Michael Dixon, born Jan. 1, 1953 at Emporia, Kansas.

7. Walter Ivan Dixon

Walter Ivan Dixon was born August 29, 1895. He married Kattie Bolton, June 15, 1934. Walter and Kattie live at 252 Lookout Ave., Akron, Ohio. They were married at New Cumberland, W. Virginia. They have no children.

8. Scott Thomas Dixon

Scott Thomas Dixon was born August 19, 1899. He married Violet

Manley, August 16, 1927, at Wooster, Ohio. They live at 467 S. Firestone Blvd., Akron 1, Ohio.

Most of the information in this chapter was provided by Walter Hobough and Harry Dixon. The writer is grateful for their contribution.

Chapter X

Elizabeth Jane Dixon and Descendants

Elizabeth Jane Dixon was born December 15, 1853, on the homeplace in Warren County, Indiana. She was married on July 29, 1869, at her home to Charles Ritchey. Charles was born on December 27, 1844, son of William and Amanda (Murray) Ritchey of Newport, Indiana. Jane and Charles farmed in Warren County until they retired to State Line, Indiana. Charles died April 19, 1923, and Elizabeth Jane died on January 26, 1941. Both are buried at Mound Prairie, Warren County, Indiana. They had three daughters:

1. Lou Eva Ritchey, born October 28, 1870.
1st married Charles Hall on September 24, 1888. All their children died in infancy.

2nd married Irvin Cunningham on October 12, 1920. They had no children. Lou Eva Cunningham died January 15, 1948, and is buried in Mound Prairie, Warren County, Indiana.
2. Lillie Bell Ritchey, born September 3, 1872.
Married William (Bill) Steely, on _____, in Warren County, Indiana. They had one son, Cecil. Lillie died July 17, 1923, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Covington, Indiana.
 - (1) Cecil D. Steely, born February 10, 1898.
Married Esther Haskel on November 23, 1921, at Danville, Ill. Cecil died January 15, 1941. Their two children were:
 - (a) William (Billy) Haskel Steely, born June 15, 1928.
Married Virginia LaMar, May 28, 1948. Now lives in Chicago Heights, Illinois.
 - (b) Catherine Elizabeth Steely, born September 14, 1923.
Married Perry Cesna, June 28, 1946, Danville, Ill.
Now live at Daytona Beach, Florida.
3. Margaret Ritchey, born November 21, 1875. Married George Andrews July 4, 1896, Warren County, Indiana. George died _____. Margaret now lives in Richmond, Indiana.

Chapter XI

Ruth C. Dixon and Descendants

Ruth C. Dixon was born May 6, 1844. She married George Marion Martin on _____ at _____. George was born May 28, 1842, the son of George (?) and Polly (?) Martin. Ruth died July 4, 1885 and is buried in Old Atherton Cometary near Danville, Illinois (Center Section, Block 4, Row 20). George died March 8, 1926 and is also buried in Old Atherton. They had four children: George William Martin, Charlos Prentiss Martin, Della Martin, and Dakota Martin.

1. George William Martin

George William Martin was born September 12, 1866. He married Cora B. _____ on November 24, 1892, at Bourbon, Illinois, Douglas County. Cora was born May 5, 1874 at Humbolt, Ill., Douglas County. George died November 26, 1933 and is buried in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Cora B. Martin lives at 9755 Taft Street, Portland, Oregon. They had five children:

1. Arnold Sylvester Martin, born November 3, 1894, at Danville, Ill. Married Alice Hester, November 1918, at Port Orchard, Washington. They have two children:

- (1) Patricia Ann Martin, b. Feb. 25, 1919 at Port Orchard, Washington. Mar. Kenneth Edwards, Dec. 15, 1951, at Orange, California.

- (2) Arnoldene Martin, b. May 23, 1927 at Portland, Oregon. Mar. Garland Cook at Orange, Calif.

Second marriage to Inez Brock at Ralston, Okla.

- (1) Michel Wheeler Martin, b. Jan. 21, 1948 at Pawnee, Okla.
2. Arthur Cecil Martin, born February 16, 1900 at St. Elmo, Illinois. Married Elsie Wheeler at Vancouver, Washington. No children.
3. Gladys Martin, born July 27, 1902 at St. Elmo, Illinois. Married



July 4, 1921 to Arthur Smythe at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Children:

- (1) Marjorie Smythe, born Feb. 27, 1922. Mar. Donald Shuman, Oct. 25, 1944 at Portland, Oregon.
 - (a) Donna Gay Schuman, b. Aug. 29, 1944 at Portland, Oregon.
 - (b) Linda Ann Schuman, b. April 27, 1952 at Portland, Oregon.

Gladys' second marriage was to James Whitney at Portland, Oregon.
One child:

- (1) Dale Whitney, born March 15, 1927, at Portland, Oregon.
Married. Children:
 - (a) Shelia Ann Whitney, b. April 12, 1949 at Portland, Ore.
 - (b) Richard Dale Whitney, b. Oct. 3, 1950 at Portland, Ore.

4. Maurice H. Martin, born October 17, 1905 at St. Elmo, Illinois.
Married Hazel Jones of Portland, Oregon, on February 14, 1942.
One child:

- (1) Janna Lee Martin, born Dec. 6, 1946 at Medford, Oregon.

5. Carl Raymond Martin, born June 21, 1913 at Arnegard, N. Dakota.
Married Barbara Deck of Portland, Oregon on January 22, 1942.
Carl died January 1950 at Dayton, Ohio, and is buried at Hampton, Va. He was a M/Sgt. in the Air Corps. They had one child:
 - (1) Lawrence Gilbert Martin, born Feb. 2, 1944 at Portland, Ore.

2. Charles Prentiss Martin

Charles Prentiss Martin was born March 18, 1871, in Warren County, Indiana. He married Mabel Marie Young on November 20, 1895 at Danville, Illinois. Mabel was born October 15, 1878 in Warren County. Charles died June 7, 1951 and is buried in Rawson Lutheran Cemetery, Rawson, North Dakota, McKenzie County. Mabel lives at 210 Fifth Street, Willeston, N. Dakota. They had one daughter, Ruth.

1. Ruth Elizabeth Martin, born April 7, 1917, at Arnegard, N. Dakota.
Married Kesmit Arnold Bjerke on February 14, 1936.

3. Della Martin

Della Martin was born _____ at _____. She
married Asa (Ace) Shepherd on _____ at _____. They are

reported to have had nine children, including George, Ruth, Erron, Helen and five others. Last known to live in St. Elmo, Illinois. Della Shephard died _____ and is buried at _____. Asa is also deceased. He died on _____ at _____. No information, except the addresses of the two daughters, has been received from this family.

1. Mrs. H. M. Shaw, 3508 Green Street, Steger, Ill.
2. Mrs. Ruth Shephard Dorr, 905 Mogofflin Ave., El Paso, Texas.

4. Dakota Lewis Martin

Dakota Lewis Martin was born _____ at _____.
Married Emma Leverenz on _____ at _____. One report states they had no children.

Mrs. Cora B. Martin of 9755 N. Taft Ave., Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Mabel Martin of 210 Fifth Street of Williston, N. Dakota, helped with gathering the data presented in this chapter.

Chapter XII

Mary Josephine Dixon and Descendants

Mary Josephine Dixon was born on August 1, 1858 on the Dixon homestead. She married David (Dave) Ricketts on _____. Josephine died on April 26, 1899, and is buried in the Foster-Dixon Cemetery. David died _____ and is buried in an unmarked grave in the same cemetery. Children were: Nellie, Stella, Perry, Robert (Bobbie) and Lu. Perry Ricketts died when young. Nellie married Douglas Calvert and is reported to have one child by the name of Jerome. Nellie and Douglas Calvert live at 7345 Richfield, Clearwater, Calif. Robert Ricketts married _____ Vanbelt. Stella married Dave Kiser and lives near Williamsport, Indiana. Lu Ricketts, born August 12, 1879 was reared by Margaret Dixon and has gone by the name of Lu Dixon. He now makes his home with Mary Dixon.

A P P E N D I X

Dixons buried in Foster-Dixon Cemetery, located one-half mile south of Foster, Indiana, Warren County. Listed chronologically according to date of death.

1. Isaac S. Dixon, son of Henry and Polly Dixon
July 13, 1831
September 18, 1833
Age 2 years, 3 months, 5 days.
2. George Dixon (early pioneer)
_____, 1755
February 27, 1840
Age 85 years.
3. George Dixon (son of Henry Dixon)
November 23, 1825
November 13, 1841
Age 15 years, 11 months, 21 days.
4. Mahalia Dixon (daughter of William and Margaret Dixon)
December 25, 1848
February 27, 1854
Age 5 years, 3 months, 2 days.
5. Henry Dixon (early pioneer)
January _____, 1798
September 24, 1855
Age 57 years, 8 months.
6. Polly Massey Dixon, wife of Henry Dixon
March _____, 1798
September 26, 1855
Age 57 years, 6 months.
7. George Dixon
November 5, 1850
October 10, 1865
Age 14 years, 11 months, 5 days.
8. William Dixon
November 28, 1823
November 25, 1876
Age 53 years.
9. Mary Josephine Dixon Ricketts
August 1, 1858
April 26, 1899

A P P E N D I X

Dixons buried in Foster-Dixon Cemetery (Continued)

10. Margaret Jane Dixon, Wife of William Dixon
April 28, 1826
January 4, 1904
Age 77 years, 8 months, 7 days.
11. David (Dave) Ricketts
Unmarked grave.
12. Probably other early Dixons are buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves, such as Peter Dixon, a Revolutionary War Soldier, who was a brother to George Dixon.

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Dixons buried at the Dixon Homeplace Cemetery near Raccoon, Indiana, Putnam County.

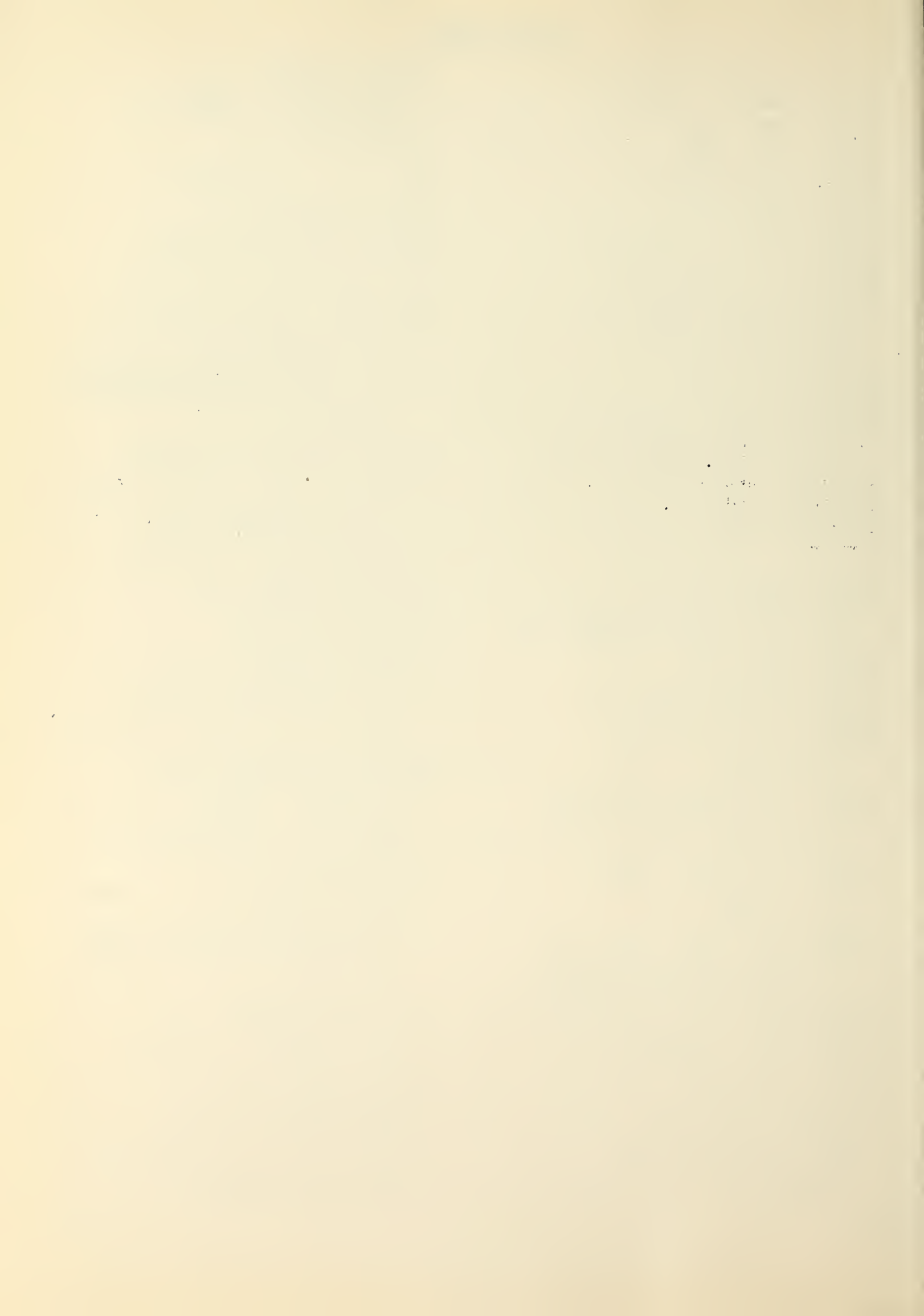
1. Margaret Dixon, wife of Ebenezer Dixon
Died July 25, 1842
Age 66 yrs.
2. Nancy Dixon, wife of H. L. Dixon
November 7, 1813
July 10, 1842.
3. George, Jr., son of E. E. Dixon
Died January 19, 1850
Age 9 yrs.
4. Ebenezer Dixon
Died September 17, 1855
Age 85 yrs, 6 mos.
5. Phebe Dixon, wife of Henry L. Dixon
February, 1818
October 22, 1861
6. Henry L. Dixon
Died July 5, 1886
Age 68 yrs., 4 mos., 19 days.
7. Olie Dixon
Died January 29, 1888
6 yrs., 5 mos., 17 days
8. Chas. W. Dixon
December 6, 1848
October 1, 1893.

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